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WASHINGTON AT RICHMOND

THE TUSKEGEE WIZARD ADDRESSES A DISTINGUISHED AUDIENCE IN THE

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FIRST INVITATION OF THE KIND

EVER CONFERRED UPON AN AFRO-AMERICAN -- MR. WASHINGTON THROWS NEW

Light Upon the Negro Poblem--Money, Morals, Education

AND CAPACITY TO HARNESS

Mental Equipment to the Material Things at His Door the Means for a Happy Issue Out of all Out Afflictions.

Staff Correspondence of The Freeman.

Richmond, Va., Special: For the first time in the history of the nation a Negro has been honored with an invitation from a State Legislature to address its members at the capital city. It is highly significant that such an invitation should be the unanimous expression of such a notable State as Virginia, and that so peculiar a municipality as Richmond should be the scene of such a deliverance. It is likewise significant of the wisdom of the General Assembly of the "Old Dominion," that when it decided that more light was demanded upon the Negro question that it should select Booker T. Washington as the spokesman of the occasion. Despite many untoward conditions in the economic and sociological atmosphere of the country as they relate to the Negro, some incident is always happening to demonstrate that our situation is not as bad as it seems, and that the optimist has solid ground upon which to base his hope of a brighter future for all America. The colored people are not loved as a people, nor is there any increasing desire to have them become active factors in the State or national government, but the Negro is earning the respect of the thinking whites, and forcing, modestly and inoffensively, a universal recognition of his value in the industrial, religious and educational arena. The masses of the race will continue to be a problem, just as the masses of the white race have ever constituted an unsolved problem in the social system, but a growing sense of discrimination is inducing the Caucasian to single out worthy individuals of the black people —those who through some innate superiority in thought and execution, have been able to make their influence felt for the uplift of the nation as a whole. These individuals are multiplying, and they are potent agents for binding the races into a closer communion. It is conceded, however, that in this class of harmonizers and broadgauged educators, the name of Booker T. Washington, like that of Abou Ben Adhem, "leads all the rest." The Legislature of Virginia and the Business Men's Association of Richmond emphasized this premiership when they joined in calling Mr. Washington to counsel with them at the Dominion capital on the evening of February 11. The occasion marked an epoch in the life of a State that is now placing the black man practically upon trial for his civil and political life.

Mr. Washington spoke at the spacious Academy of Music, and was greeted by a magnificent audience, which included, besides the Legislature, many of Richmond's most distinguished jurists, business men and leading citizens. The best element of the Negro race was out in large numbers, and were well pleased with the favor with which Mr. Washington's speech was received by the whites.

Upon the stage were seated Judges James Keith, B. R. Welford, Jr., E. C. Minor, and several prominent colored men, among them Rev. W. F. Graham, Rev. Dr. A. Binga, of Manchester, ex-Minister John H. Smythe, John Mitchell, Jr., editor of the Planet, and others. Attorney Giles B. Jackson was master of ceremonies, introducing Mr. Washington. Rev. W. F. Graham presided.

Mr. Washington was in excellent voice, and born orator as he is, was never heard to better advantage. His earnestness of purpose impresses an audience at the outset, and the attention is held without note being taken of time. He is at times eloquent, pathetic, argumentative and humorous. His illustrations are always apt, and most of those used here were entirely new. His address might be summed up in these words: He advised the colored people to be economical, to accumulate property, obey the laws and to cultivate friendly relations with the white people with whom they must live. The salient points were greeted with tremendous applause.

MR. WASHINGTON'S SPEECH.

The speaker, after referring to the fact that he was born in Virginia and felt a pride in his native State, said in part:

"When we take a broad, generous view of developments in this country during the last forty years as they relate to the Negro, I think the North, the white South and the black man have no reason to become despondent because conditions are no better, but every reason to congratulate themselves that the entire situation is so hopeful and satisfactory. Within the last six months it has been my privilege to examine by personal visit into the condition of my race in nearly every Southern State. I have seen them in their homes, on their farms, in the shop, in the factory, in the mines, in their stores, in the schools, in the churches, in the jails, in the penitentiaries, and I have talked with the white people who were once their masters and now their neighbors. After this inspection combined with my experience and observation in the heart of the "Black Belt" of the South, covering a period of nineteen years, I have no hesitation in asserting that there is constant progress—progress that is tangible, visible, indisputable. Any one who has had daily opportunity of studying the race at first hand can not fail to gain the impression that there are indisputable evidences that the race is settling down to a hard, earnest, common-sense view of life—that it is fast learning that a race, like an individual, must pay for everything that it gets—the price of beginning at the bottom of the social scale and working up gradually, naturally to the highest civilization. The exaggerated impressions that the first years of freedom naturally brought are giving way to an earnest, practical view of life and its responsibilities.

THE RACE PROBLEM.

"During the past thirty-five years the question has been constantly asked, have we—are we pursuing the wisest policy in trying to solve the problem? Three plans have been advocated with more or less seriousness—deportation, colonization on American soil, and absorption into the general population with a view of losing racial identity. None of these policies have met with general favor. All three seem to those who have studied the matter most closely to be visionary and impractical. The trend of events seems to point conclusively to the fact that the Negro is to remain in America and the great bulk of them will remain in our Southern States, where they at present reside. At the moment there is danger in two directions: There is ground to fear that the race may become discouraged and give up hope, and the other ground for fear is that too large a proportion of the race may be tempted to move into the cities, and especially the cities of the North. With all the emphasis that I can command I would warn every friend of the race to use his influence to keep the Negro out of the large cities of our Northern States.

"Let us see to it, my friends, that we teach the Negro to make himself a part of the community where he lives, and that in every straightforward, honorable manner he make friends with the white man who is his next-door neighbor.

WORK WITH HANDS.

"In the present condition of the race it is most important that whether we give the Negro youth classical education, common school education or technical education, that in some way we urge a large proportion of these individuals to bring to bear the force, the power for their education upon the common, every-day, fundamental occupations that are at his door in the community where he lives. We must teach the Negro youth to do a common thing in an uncommon manner, to do a thing so well that no one can improve upon it. There is no longer any question as to the ability of the Negro to absorb knowledge or to perform all the processes of mental gymnastics that the white man performs, but the main problem is to teach him to apply his mental equipment to harness it to the material things at his door that need to be done. If the Negro student is to reside in an agricultural district, teach him to excel in all forms of agriculture. If mechanics is the main industry in his community, teach him to excel in that. If poultry raising is in demand in the neighborhood where the Negro girl is to reside, teach her to raise poultry in an intelligent, scientific manner. In doing this you may miss giving her a classical education, but you will help her lay the foundation so that her children and grandchildren can secure what the world terms the highest mental culture. Excellence in the thing in hand will lay a foundation for higher things, will constitute the stepping-stone upon which we will rise, will bring us to that place where this problem will be solved. All this I advocate not as an end, but as a means. I would withhold no opportunity from the Negro in letters, arts or statesmanship, but I woud be very sure that the foundation for citizenship and high Christian life is firmly laid.

MUST OWN PROPERTY.

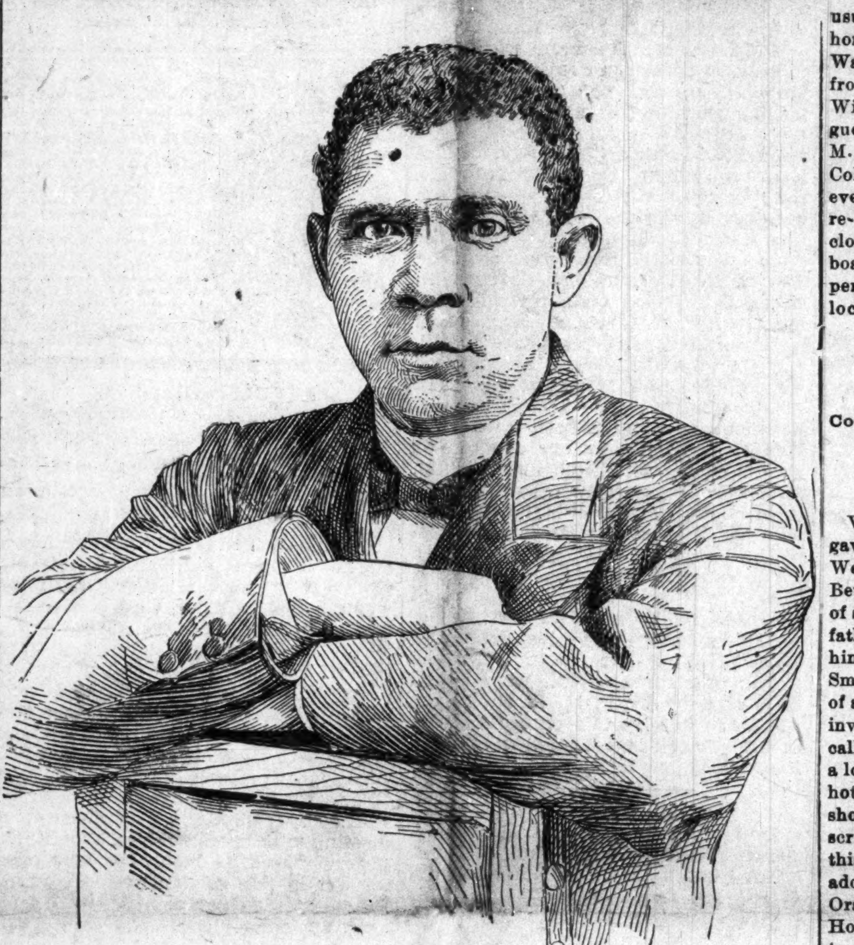
"We must make up our minds that in order to be respected we must cultivate habits of economy, thrift and industry. No people who spend all that they make, and often more than they make, can ever attain to a high degree of success. No matter how much education they may receive, they will not be respected so long as they are without bank accounts and homes. There is no question but that one of the weak points of the race is that we lack in too large a degree the saving habit. We are too much inclined to spend all that we earn at the end of the week, or yield too often to the temptation when we get a few dollars ahead, to cease work until all that is spent. I most earnestly advise you to save your money, not so much for money's sake, but because the bank account represents foresight, self-denial, thrift and economy.

"You have State and local problems before you for settlement with which I would not dare to meddle, but I will take the liberty of adding this, that no question is ever permanently settled until it is settled right in absolute fairness and justice to all parties concerned. No trickery, evasion or opportunity to promote fraud will ever result in bringing about that permanent good-will and peace which will result in a deep common interest in our government and public affairs. So far as the Negro is concerned, his future is very largely in his own hands and in that of the hands of the white people of the South among whom he resides. Outside pressure has in a large measure ceased, and I believe we are to rest our cause in the future upon the conscience of the Southern white people in a larger degree than we have in the past, and in thus resting our cause I do not believe that we are going to be disappointed. I believe that the Southern white man has an attachment for the Negro and an interest in him which will in the future show that he is going to take hold of the problem of lifting up the Negro in a straightforward, hand to hand manner."

After the address a public reception was held, and hundreds of prominent white Virginians from many sections of the State, went upon the stage and congratulated Mr. Washington. He was shown continuous attention during his stay in the city, and a committee, headed by Mr. Giles R. Jackson, escorted him through the Board of Trade building, the city hall and court house, the True Reformers' bank, and other notable institutions. The press was generous in its praise of Mr. Washington's utterances, and referred to him as "the leading man of the Negro race of the whole world."

The "Wizard" left here directly for Tuskegee, to prepare for the monster annual Negro conference, which he stated would be largely attended by the race's brightest representatives from all over the country. He expressed himself as delighted with the hospitality and encouraging comments of the people of Richmond.

R. W. THOMPSON.



BOOKER T. WASHINGTON,
PRINCIPAL TUSKEGEE SCHOOL, TUSKEGEE, ALA.

Muncie Items

Muncie, Ind., Special.—Mrs. Ed. McCray was buried from Second Baptist church last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock; deceased leaves a husband and four children. A. M. E. church still continues the revival services with much success. Rev. Saunders, of Indianapolis, delivered the sermon Sunday evening. Miss Cora Means is out of the city to remain. Mr. Hoosier, of Anderson, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of Everett Martin. Mr. Willis is able to be about his usual occupation, after being confined at home with la grippe and measles. Mr. Wade and family are entertaining relatives from Darke county. Miss Viola Cook, of Winchester, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of friends. The members of the A. M. E. church surprised their minister, Rev. Coleman, with a pound donation Friday evening of last week. Will Rider will soon re-open his dancing academy whish has been closed for the past few weeks. Muncie can boast of an artist of rare ability, in the person of Bartlet Roberts, whose studio is located on East Jackson street.

IN MISSISSIPPI LAND

Correspondent's Gleanings From the Famous Fighting Ground

Vicksburg, Miss., Special.—The $3 club gave a grand entertainment at Bethel hall, Wednesday night, Feb. 20, for the benefit of Bethel A. M. E. church. Ed. Darden died of smallpox last Saturday night; he leaves a father, mother, brother and friends to mourn him. Mrs. Mary Janis is on the sick list. Smith and Harrison's cafe is still the center of attraction on S. Washington street. They invite their many friends to give them a call. Mrs. Louisa Banks is improving after a long illness. Tom Young is still shooting hot air. The Freeman is a great journal; it should be in every home. Will you subscribe now, and get the benefit of having this king of Negro journals sent to your address one year for one dollar only? Orange U. Taylor, agent. Dr. Banks, of Hot Springs, Ark., is in the city, in answer to a summons to attend the bedside of his sick mother, Mrs. Louisa Banks. Will Bell died Sunday, Feb. 9, of smallpox. Charley Payton has a new job now. George Moore has opened up a first class shoe shining parlor on Openwood street. Harry Barnes left Sunday, Feb. 17, for Natchez, Miss., where he spent a week with friends. Rev. J. H. C. Henry, pastor of King Solomon Baptist church returned home from Natchez, Miss., Feb. 15. Rev. Henry is a race man on broad principles, and one of the best preachers of his denomination in this city. Subscribe for The Freeman and have it sent to your home for $1.00 a year. This offer is good until March 1; the paper is on sale every Saturday morning; Orange U. Taylor, agent. Weiley and Sandford Churbbs, two of the best known young men here are daily employed at the furniture factory in South Vicksburg.

Joliet Gleanings.

Joliet, Ill., Special.—Samuel Ballard and Miss Mamie E. Henry were united in marriage Feb. 13; Rev. J. Will King, officiated. Mrs. Annie Cromwell received the sad intelligence of the death of her mother in Chattanooga, Tenn. Mrs. Mary Robinson, of Chicago, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bias. Mrs. Robinson is quite an accomplished singer; she visited Rev. J. Will King's church Sunday evening and sang a solo; she returned to her home Monday morning. Little Raymond, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morton, died at the home of S. McCorkle, where they have been stopping. Mrs. John Crabb is quite sick. Rev. W. W. Russell, the evangelist, preached at Brown's Chapel, A. M. E. church. Rev. Charles Mohammed, the African missionary, will preach at Brown's Chapel Feb. 24. Rev. W. H. Denton, pastor of Second Baptist church, is doing a grand work among the people and members of his church. Mrs. Walter Bell is improving. Miss Josie Dyer is holding a position in Mr. Dinet's department store. On the evening of Feb. 12 the leaders of Joliet's colored society held an elaborate social function at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill; vocal and instrumental music was rendered by the Joliet colored glee club; among the many present the following well known faces could be seen: Messrs. W. M. Reed, J. R. Vanderburg, C. G. Kirk, C. G. Walker, W. M. Houston; Mrs. Reed, Misses Lora Hughes, Stella Brooks, Armentia Booten, Nettie Webb.

Cupids Dart.

Carthage, Mo., Special.—Col. Fred Blair, the most popular young man in the city, and agent of The Freeman, was quietly married to Miss Sally Moore of Pierce City, Mo.

Improving.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Mrs. Ellen Carter and her son, Thornton Carter, Jr., are improving from a severe attack of la grippe at their residence 1311 S. Market street.

GLOWING ACCOUNTS

FROM THE SUNNY SOUTH, ALONG ALL LINES OF

GENERAL INTEREST TO THE RACE

Memphis Socially as well as in a Business Way is Far Reaching toward Zenith of Perfection

Memphis, Tenn., special: Mrs. J. C. Cash departed this life Feb. 13, 1901, at Lathen, Ala. She was the wife of one of our famous musicians, J. C. Cash. She leaves a dear husband and three children to mourn her loss. * * Mr. Jessie DeHart, the proprietor of the Hub barbershop, has moved to his new quarters, at 148 Beal street, where he has spared no pains in fixing up his shop to make it a brilliant and beautiful place. His equipments are of the latest, and he is ready to give you the best service in the city. He employs none but skillful workmen, who are polite and mannerable, and will treat you with courtesy. So if you need anything in his line drop in and see them and you will always come again. * * Miss Emogene Dobbins left last week for Jericho, Ark., where she will begin her school. * * Mr. W. W. Floyd left last week for Winfield, Ala., where he will take charge of a boarding car. He goes very highly recommended by the commissary superintendent of the K. C. R. R. * * Mrs. Levy Hilliard, one of our prominent hair dressers, is still handling that great preparation that makes the hair grow long and glossy. Call and see her at 42 Ruth street. * * Mr. Robert Oliver, of Boston, Mass., formerly of Memphis, Tenn., is in our city. He was called to the bedside of his dear father, who has been ill for some time. Mr. Oliver speaks of Boston, and says that he likes the city fine and that he is working in the plumbing business. He does the setting of closets, which is a specialty. * * During last quarter Avery Chapel, under the pastorate of Rev. Wm. Flagg, D. D., raised $119 per week. Her members will soon have that grand edifice out of debt. * * The Alexandria correspondent, Mr. L. A. Butler, will please take notice that the address of Mrs. Mattie Kyle is 45 Exchange street. * * We congratulate Alexandria on her push and pull qualities, and wish to ask, Does The Freeman agent meet Negroes down there who are so ignorant as to insult him when asked to buy a paper? * * Miss Cora Franklin, one of our Memphis agents, spent a very pleasant evening, Friday, with Misses Minnie and Hattie Parsons at the residence of Mrs. Ella Dorsey, 743 Woodward avenue. * * We wish that traitor and senseless Negro who wrote the Book on Negroes and so slandered the race was in the bottom of the sea. * * The Negroes of Memphis as a rouster on the river knows the cruel treatment some of the mates give them and refuse to go out on trips. * * There are some men in Memphis who desert their wives and little children, who ought to be treated as mad-dogs. * * The Negroes of Memphis have no objection to being placed on separate street cars if the company will employ colored motormen and conductors. * * New officers have been elected at Avery Chapel; also a literary lyceum is organized under the leadership of prominent young ladies. * * Editor W. H. Melton, of Colored Citizen, is touring through Arkansas and other States. * * The Y. W. I. and S. Circle of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, met at the home of Miss Lelia E. Hood, 874 Bass avenue, Friday afternoon, Feb. 15, 1901, at 5 o'clock. This circle was organized a year ago, on the 9th of December, at the church. Its object is to aid the church and to raise the standard of social enjoyment among the young people of the city. Three young women are vigorously engaegd in the work of this circle and have raised quite a sum of money since its organization. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. H. C. Thomas; Secretary, Miss Sadie L. Saunders; Treasurer, Mrs. Martha Maclin. * * Miss Fannie B. Turner highly entertained a few of her friends at her residence on

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TOM THE TATTLER,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

At present the saloon in Kansas is a Nation-al issue.

If the letter "o" be left out of "voice" it is vice. Many of our performers have voices, but they are without the "o."

A wee bit of land down in one of our eastern States is complaining because the railroad that runs through it does not take notice of it officially; in other words, because it gives it no place on its map. The name of this unfortunate village is Duquesne. This to the inhabitants of Duquesne may seem a hard lot, but there are several fates that could be meted out to it worse than the one complained of. When these are considered Duquesne, if not wholly unreasonable, will consider itself fortunate. It is off the map; suppose it were on the map, wouldn't it lay itself likely to a "Hottest Coon in Dixie" visit, which would be a sad fate indeed. Were that aggregation to know of Duquesne it "wouldn't do a thing to it." My advice is for it to remain off the map until absolutely certain that that show has been forever laid to rest.

86.5 per cent. of the Puerto Ricans cannot read nor write. Here is a fine opportunity for the gentleman who claims to speak the three languages. He might make a good living teaching them any one of his three languages.

Oliver Scott's minstrels have gone into winter quarters.

The town, for this time of year, contains a large number of performers, and some of them find it a difficult matter to satisfy their landlady's weekly stipend of a $1 25 and keep their feet under the table. One peculiar feature about these same performers is, if they get on the road and their stomachs get a steak or two ahead, their pockets a few surplus dimes. His Majesty, King Edward VII, as far as actions are concerned, would be made to look like a "selling-plater."

Our genial friend, James Love, after his painful operation, is far advanced on the road to health, which he travels slowly, but surely.

Senator James K Jones is a member of the 'Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals." For fear the astute senator might overlook the fact I will remind him that man is an animal, and that the term includes both those that are black and those that are white.

Husbands and children are getting decidedly the worst of it when a Boston preacher says he is compelled to start a movement among women to stop the flow of their love and affection to their dogs.

The Goulds, in the light of recent experiences, must regard the Count Boni de Castellane as an expensive luxury.

The German language contains no word for "boxing-match." Can it be possible that German civilization is in such a backward state that they do not know anything concerning a slugging match?

For those who, despite its name, may think to the contrary, I will say that Sing-Sing is not a musical institution.

Prof. Wm. A. Eddy, of Bayonne, N. J., thinks that by the aid of an immensely large mirror the people of Mars, or Martians, as he calls them, are trying to communicate with the people of Earth. He has been conducting some experiments with sunlit snow, and regards them as important in that they bear upon the visibility of army signals from snow-capped mountain peaks. He says the light flash seen at Flagstaff, Arizona, judging from his experiments, are the Martians by the aid of mirrors trying to communicate with us.

What can they want to tell us? Perhaps they have something of much importance to tell us. Several things on this earth have been going wrong of late, and perhaps the Martians have a remedy to tell us. Maybe they have some patent medicine, recently discovered, that will "knock the spots" out of everything from a corn to consumption.

Since the refined and noble art of prize fighting has received such a set back of late probably Mars wants to tell us we can pull our mills off there.

May be that flash was an aerial dispatch intended for Crump to bring his jubilee singers there I hardly think the Fisks visited Mars in any of their famous tours, and it may be the Martians are "dying" to hear the good old songs of slavery days rendered in a blood curdling, gory manner.

What if that flash was meant for Bill Bryan to bring himself, paper and all his wild cat ideas up there and run for president? It may be they would like to administer a severe rebuke to earth by electing him.

Suppose the Martians are flashing for Andrew Carnegie, and are anxious to relieve him of that load of millions he is obliged to "lote" through this world.

It may be, while playing some of the high mountain towns of Colorado the "Hottest Coon in Dixie" came a little too near and they are flashing for protection.

I hope some genius will soon arise among us who can interpret these Martian flashes, establish a code and tell us what they want. We would try to accomodate them were they even to be so greedy as to ask for our beloved Mayor and his efficient Chief of Police.

When a man's breath will carry over a telephone it needs to be extracted.

If any of our states is scheduled to have a prize fight the good people always arise en masse and strain every nerve to prevent it. They will try all sorts of means, even going so far as to make a law, if there be none, and if there be one, the troops are called for to uphold it. But if a Negro is to be lynched these good people become as mute as clams. Where goes all their goodness? Which is more disagraceful to a state, a prize fight or lynching bee? Were one-third the effort manifested to prevent a lynching that there is to ward off a fistic encounter between two big, burly bruisers, it would cease to be a frequent occurence.

Prima donnas are not the only persons who are ignorant of that which they should know. In the recent Snell will case one of Chicago's leading (?) physicians was an expert witness on insanity. His expressions were so abhorrent to truth and facts that one of the attorneys exclaimed to the Judge: "Why this man doesn't know what insanity is! Doctor," he shouted, turning to the witness, "do you know what an adverb is?" The witness was compelled to confess his ignorance of the adverb. "Well, then," justly observed the lawyer," what can this expert know about medical terms if he doesn't know an adverb from a noun." The lawyer then mentioned some works on insanity and nervous diseases which are used in medical schools, and on asking the witness had his mind at any time been engaged in reading them, he received "no" for an answer.

A person would hardly think such quacks were in this city, but they are, and in no inconsiderable numbers either. As long as the American people allow diploma mills and medical schools by correspondence to flourish such will continue to be the case. Our medical examining boards, too, must be far removed from politics, and men appointed to compose them of known ability and integrity.

The mistakes of a "bum" lawyer, unless his client is hanged, can be rectified; the sermons of a sleep-producing preacher need not be heard, but the errors of an ignorant, unskilled physician are fatal in their consequences.

Senator Towne of Minnesota, during his brief service of 56 days as senator, drew from the public treasury the sum of $999 or one dollar less than a thous- He made one speech, but it contained 20,000 words. At this rate he was paid $5,50 a minute, or a nickel a word.

His speech was very ordinary and contained the smallest words. At the rate he was paid Mr. Towne should have given the country a speech bristling with logic and rhetoric, done up in words with jaw-breaking propensities. At $5 50 a minute he should have given us in his speech a taste of some foreign language or two. Mr. Towne hardly rose superior to our summer orators and debaters who frequent professional headquarters to air their views.

TOM THE TATTLER.

From the White City.

Chicago, Ill., special: Mrs. Annie Johnson, 184 Jackson boulevard, died, Jan. 30. Her funeral was preached at St. Stevens' A. M. E. Church by Rev. Thompson. She left a husband and three children to mourn her loss. * * Mrs. M. Thomas and Mr. A. Julett are on the sick list. * * The Ladies' Benevolent Society met at Mrs. Weldon's house last Thursday night. After they had transacted their business an excellent supper was served. This society is doing much good for the indigent people on the North Side. * * Miss Minnie Nelson was awarded $100 by a jury in Justice Woolf's court on the 9th inst. She brought suit against the Alhambra Theater Company under the civil rights act for making discrimination on account of color. * * A. J. Thomas and J. Johnson, two enterprising young men, are now engaged in manufacturing overalls, shirts, aprons and jumpers. The demand is greater than the supply for their goods. * * R. McCoomer is dangerously ill at his home, 207 La Salle avenue. * * Mr. Lincoln's birthday was duly observed by all churches and clubs last Tuesday. * * Every waiter should get a copy of the "Waiters' Manual," as it is a good guide for all waiters. The author, Mr. W. F. Cozart, is one of the best known reporters in the country. He is also head waiter of the Weddell Hotel, of Cleveland, Ohio; President of the Waiters' Union, and agent for The Freeman. * * Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Phillip will celebrate their first anniversary Feb. 28 at 231 Wells street. * * Mrs. Williams, 189 Ontario street, has been sick for one month. * * We need a joint stock company on the North Side to open and operate a first-class grocery store. We have over 3,000 inhabitants on this side of the river, and they all patronize white grocerymen, who do not employ one colored person. The average person spends about $5.00 per month for groceries, which makes the enormous amount of $180,000 spent annually by our people.

Around Town.

Cairo, Ill., special: Elder Higgins and wife have gone to Decatur, Ill. * * Chas. Rucker, who killed Dan Buckner, is seriously ill. * * L. F. Finnie, who had a position at the State capital, Springfield, Ill., returned home last week. * * Go to Jimmie's, the little corner grocer, when you want the Freeman, corner Twelfth and Walnut streets. * * Mrs. Lillian Ousley, of 314 Division street, is visiting friends in Carterville, Ill. * * Mrs. Hunter, of 226 Seventeenth street, would like to hear from her son Pearl, with Down Mobile Company. * * Gus Wright is holding them down at the Planter's. * * Jeffries seems to be the favorite around the Harlem Club. Several bets have been offered by Granville Childs, the proprietor, but there seems to be a deadlock among the local sports. * * The Harlem orchestra is preparing for a masquerade ball to be given soon. * * The A. M. E. Church on Seventeenth street, is carrying on a revival meeting. Rev. P. M. Lewis, pastor, assisted by Rev. Burton, of Mounds City, Ill. * * Mr. Dave Cross, of Twenty-first and Poplar street, is very sick and not expected to live. * * Miss Marguerite Thomson, who has been teaching in Kentucky, stopped in our city on her way to Odean, Ill., her home. Mr. Ed. Hamilton was all smiles during her short stay. * * Miss Maud E. Cook, who has been at the Providence Hospital, Chicago, Ill., studying for a trained nurse, returned home last week, sick. * * Geo. W. Carr has remodeled his cafe. Ladies will find it very comfortable when they visit his place. * * Robert Hill, of Cairo, and Miss Bertha Royal, of Paducah, Ky., were united in matrimony by P. M. Lewis, at the A. M. E. Church on Seventeenth street, at 8:30 o'clock last Thursday evening, Feb. 7th.

Newsy Items.

Zanesville, O., special: Bishop B. W. Arnett preached at St. Paul A. M. E. Church Sunday to large congregations. * * Mrs. Maxwell, of Xenia, O., is visiting her husband, Rev. Maxwell. * * Miss Sadie Hall is quite ill. * * Mr. George Johnson continues quite ill. * * The W. M. M.'s sent a nice box and also money to Galveston, Texas. * * Rev. Williams, the evangelist, who has been assisting Rev. Thomas in conducting services at Union Baptist Church, has gone to Athens, O. The church has been spiritually renewed. * * Mr. Hays Brown has resumed his duties at the Clarendon. * * Sunday will be quarterly meeting at St. Paul A. M. E. Church. Rev. Gee will be here. * * Miss Maria Williamson is slowly recovering from severe illness. * * Thos. Kennedy, manager of Wilberforce base ball team, has secured Charles Green as pitcher, and Alonzo Wooten as second base. They will leave here in March. * * The young people are going to give a comedy drama entitled "Diamonds and Hearts" for the benefit of Esther Star Court. This is the cast:

Bernice Halstead (a young girl of 18 years who captivates the doctor), Pearl Pinn.

Amy Halstead (Bernice's sister, two years younger), Mary Toney.

Inez Gray (a visitor at the Halstead home), Nancy Douglass.

Mrs. Halstead (the villian's mother), Miss Eva Guy.

Mary Burns, or Sis (who keeps house for her brother), Mrs. Jennie Jackson.

Dwight Bradley (the worst of villians), Mark Brown.

Sammy (servant in Halstead home), Harry Calin.

Dr. Burton (a young physician), Lon Wooten.

Abraham Barnes, or Bub (a Yankee farmer, still unmarried at 40), J. S. Hunnicut.

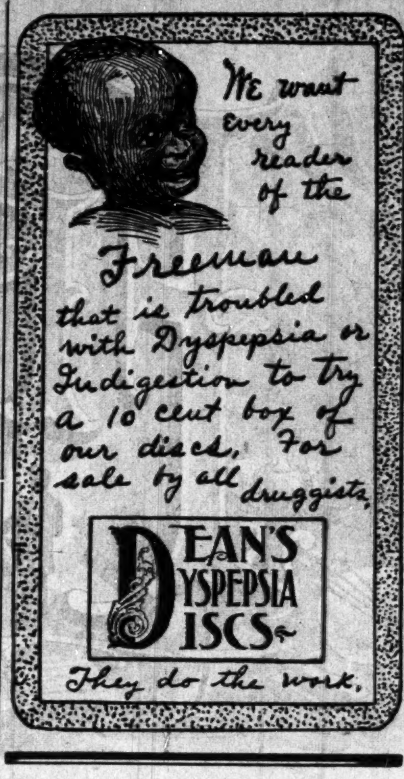
Attorney (Mrs. Halstead's lawyer), Charles Green.

Sheriff, Le Roy D. Barnett.

Mrs. Rice Barnett is very sick. * * Mrs. Dolman is improving. * * Mrs. A. B. Johns, who has been sick for several weks, is improving.

Jottings

Milwaukee, Wis., special: The Young Men's Sunday Club was addressed by Attorney McMims. * * Lincoln Day was observed by all the Methodist Churches throughout the city Sunday, Feb. 10. * * Rev. J. W. Lewis, pastor St. Mark A. M. E. Church attended the reform meeting at Lincoln Hall, Sunday. * * The ministers of the city will start a crusade against vice. * * Any one who wants a copy of The Freeman containing Prof. Council's address can be had by applying to The Freeman agent. * * Mr. C. White, head bellman at the Plankinton, is lying dangerously ill from the effects of a fall he received recently. * * Mr. C. Barber, an old citizen of this city, is ill with la grippe. * * Dave Brown is on the sick list. * * The Kenosha searchlight is shining again after being out for some time. * * The young men of the city are organizing a unity club. * * Read The Freeman. Subscribe for The Freeman and keep posted on the doing of your race.



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News Notes.

Macon, Mo., special: Mr. John W. Guy is now a subscriber for The Freeman. * * James Coleman has remodeled his residence to some extent on 309 Arlington avenue. The building on 210 Ashland avenue is being torn down and a nice "roof garden" will take its place. * * Miss Packer H. Harris was married to Elder Tidings Wednesday evening, the 6th, at the residence of the bride's parents, on 603 State street. The bride was beautifully attired. The happy couple received many presents. Rev. R. M. Thompson officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Tidings will be at home to their many friends at 525 W. Eleventh street after Feb. 23. * * Henry Buckner, musical director of Prof. Roy W. Ervin's orchestra, is meeting with much success. Mr. Ervin is pronounced as being the best clarionetist in this section of the country for a number of years. * * Mr. Frank Gray and wife, of Omaha, Neb., passed through the city Tuesday en route to DesMoines, Ia. * * Arthur Williams is looking very glad this week over the many compliments he received at the Auditorium. * * Mr. Ellis Houston has accepted a position with Enix Brothers' Concert Company as first violinist. Mr. Houston is widely known as a clever violinist throughout the State.

News Items.

St. Micheals, Md., Special.—The revival has been going on at the M. E. church for four weeks with good results. An A. M. E. Zion church was organized in this town Feb. 4, by Rev. R. A. Fisher, D. D., presiding elder of the Philadelphia district with Rev. B. F. Freeman of Salisbury. A revival has been continued for the present week, services at 8 p. m. Perry Haskins distributes The Freeman. The M. E. church of which G. R. Brinkley is pastor is progressing. The A. M. E. Zion church has just been established with J. H. McPherson, B. D., pastor and Rev. R. A. Fisher, presiding elder.

Capitol City Dots

Springfield, Ill., Special.—Rev. Burton preached an able sermon last Sunday at the A. M. E. church; text: "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." Bishop Grant preached at St. Paul A. M. E. church here Sunday. Willie Reece is all smiles because he enjoys the name papa. His fine baby boy is destined to wake the echoes of Albina's hill. Blind Boone, the colored musical prodigy, gave a concert at St. Paul church last week. Capt. James Murray was in Chicago last week. The legislature makes haste slowly. The saloon keepers are watching for Mrs. Nation.

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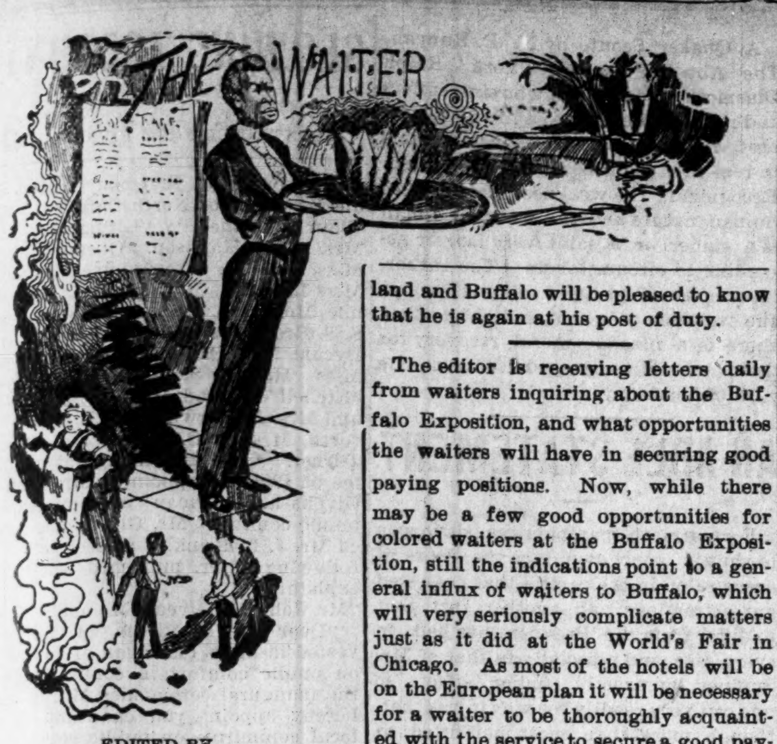


EDITED BY

W. FORREST COZART.

George J. Wilson, headwaiter at the Kirkwood Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, writes: "I am a regular reader of your bright and newsy waiters' column in The Freeman. It is certainly good, and cannot but help benefitting our profession."

The Bismark Restaurant, Cleveland, Ohio, has changed proprietors, and Mr. Frank Moss, the affable headwaiter, and his crew of colored waiters retired with the old proprietor. Mr. Moss is a first class European plan headwaiter, and if he follows up his opportunity will, no doubt, make a name for himself.

William C Ross headwaiter at the Burnett House Cincinnati, Ohio, will return to the Wilkshire Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J., this season. It is said that Mr. Ross has a life time position with Mr S. S. Pheobus, the proprietor at the Wilkshire. Mr. Ross was formerly at Old Point Comfort, Va. It has not yet been definitely decided who will succeed Mr. Ross at the Burnett House.

Thomas Robinson, headwaiter at the Tod House, Youngstown, Ohio, has recovered from a severe illness and is at his post of duty again. Harry Hawkins acted as headwaiter during Mr. Robinson's illness. The Tod employs about twenty waiters.

R. M. Rush, headwaiter at the Colonial Hotel, Nassau, N. P., Bahama Island, who is a member of the H. & S. W. N. B. A., has already sent his assessment due on account of the death of the late George Washington. Will the members in the United States please follow Mr. Rush's example?

A. L. Harris, who succeeded Charles Johnson as headwaiter at the Griswold Hotel, Pittsburg, Pa., has retired from that hotel.

William Alexander, who has been headwaiter at the Fountain Spring House, Waukesha, Wis., for the last sixteen years, has gone to the DeSota Hotel, Savannah, Ga.

Alex. Hardin, the efficient second waiter at the Eastman Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark., was formerly head party man for Mr. C. H. Smiley, the Chicago caterer. Mr. Hardin is undoubtedly one of the best party men in the United States. He is also thoroughly up to-date in hotel, and was honored with the second waitership at the Lexington Hotel, Chicago, when that famous hostelry was opened to the public.

Among the many prominent and successful colored headwaiters may be mentioned Douglass Miller, headwaiter at the Savery Hotel, DesMoines, Iowa. Mr. Miller has filled his present position for a number of years, during which time he has won the explicit confidence of his employer, and he can retain his position as long as he desires to do so. Mr. Miller is progressive and thoroughly up-to-date in service. He is also a prominent member of the Head and Second Waiters' National Benefit Association.

William D. Hargrow, the efficient third waiter at the Plankinton House, is another one of Milwaukee's progressive hotel men. Mr. Hargrow has had a wide experience in some of the best hotels in the country. He was captain of the watch for several years, and proving to be worthy of a promotion, Headwaiter J. J Miles of the Plankinton appointed him to his present position last June, although there were several other applicants for the office in and outside of Milwaukee. Mr. Hargrow is a thirty-two degree Mason and a trustee of St. Marks A. M. E Church. Mr. Hargrow's life history is very interesting, and we will publish same in the near future.

J. Henderson, a waiter employed at the Weddell House, Cleveland, Ohio, has been on the sick list for the past four weeks. His many friends in Cleveland and Buffalo will be pleased to know that he is again at his post of duty.

The editor is receiving letters daily from waiters inquiring about the Buffalo Exposition, and what opportunities the waiters will have in securing good paying positions. Now, while there may be a few good opportunities for colored waiters at the Buffalo Exposition, still the indications point to a general influx of waiters to Buffalo, which will very seriously complicate matters just as it did at the World's Fair in Chicago. As most of the hotels will be on the European plan it will be necessary for a waiter to be thoroughly acquainted with the service to secure a good paying position.

To become a good European waiter one must be quick and accurate at figuring and must write a good plain hand. While there are some well educated waiters, still there are many good American plan colored waiters who write very poorly, and very few colored waiters can figure their wages properly, especially the fractional part of a day or of a cent. Most any waiter can count up his wages and tell about what is due him, but they can't produce the figures and explain same. The same is true of many headwaiters. As an example—at the rate of $22.50 per month, what would a waiter receive per day? How much money would be due a waiter for twelve days' work at the rate of $22 00 per month. Now let each waiter produce the answers of the above in figures. They are simple and easy.

THE STAFF OF THE DINING ROOM HOTEL BON AIR, AUGUSTA, GA

Headwaiter—George Gussian. of New York, who filled a similar position at the Larkin House last summer season at Watch Hill, R. I. This is his fifth season at the Bon Air

Second Waiter—John L. Smith, of Atlanta, Ga., who recently gave up the position as headwaiter at the Hotel Morris, Birmingham, Ala. He also has been in charge of the Hotel Aragon dining room of Atlanta, Ga. He retired last fall owing to the fact that the house changed hands.

Secretary—Eugene W. Lewis, of Boston, Mass.

Watch No 1—C. Danie, of Augusta, Ga., captain, who, the past season, filled position as second man at the Massa Pe Qua, Long Island, N. Y. His watch is as follows:

E. McCray, Lieut., Plainfield, N. J.
L. P. Knuckles, Atlanta, Ga.
J. F. Bell. Philadelphia, Pa.
Wm. Arnold, Aiken, S. C.
J. Adams, Philadelphia, Pa.
A. F. Lee, Bradford, Pa.
T. H. Holms, New York.
J. D. Parker, Augusta, Ga.
J. H. Johnson, Augusta, Ga.

Watch No. 2—W E. Tucker, Captain, Atlanta, Ga, who was second man at Tate Springs, Tenn, the season of '98. He also succeeded T. J. Simon as headwaiter of that house Aug. 12, 1898. Closing the house with satisfaction to hotel management and guest likewise the past season. He was second waiter at the Larkin House, Watch Hill, R. I. His watch is as follows:

Lieut., S W. Williams, St. Louis, Mo.
J. Burdett, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Wm Tyler, Augusta, Ga.
Harry A. Garrett, Savannah, Ga.
G. B. D. Welly, Augusta, Ga.
J. G. Steel, Brooklyn, N. Y.
W. H. Harrell, New York.
Ed D. Jackson, Atlanta, Ga.
F M. Davis, Atlanta, Ga

Branch Men, Etc—Wm. Erwin, New York, first private.

J Jenkins, New York, second private.

Linen Men—George B Gilliam, first, New York.

E L. Bragg, second, Atlanta, Ga.
C. B. Lewis Newark, N. J.
J. Aaron, Atlanta, Ga.
T. J. Simmons, New York.
Ira Cornelius, Boston, Mass.
F. Robinson, Augusta, Ga.
Wm. Clarke, New York.
H. L. Walker, New York.
I. W. Haynes, N. York.

Nurses Hall—I. Payne, Brooklyn, New York.

L Edings, Augusta, Ga.

Help Hall—Ruse M. Magruder, Augusta, Ga.

C. Twiggs, Augusta. Ga.
P. S. Silverman.
Aaron Edwards, Augusta, Ga.

The full force is not on yet.

Cairo, Ill., February 1, 1901.

To the Members of the H. & S. W. N. B. A. Greeting:

It becomes my official duty to notify you of the resignation of our worthy president, W. Forrest Cozart, which took effect January 31, and by virtue of my being vice president it devoles upon me to assume the responsible duties of president. It might be well to say, too, that Mr. Cozart's resignation does not mean that he is not still a member of the organization. His literary work, which alone is quite a task, coupled with other work of importance, makes his resignation as an officer (especially president) necessary.

In assuming the position as president of an organization of this kind, I am not unmindful of the many requisites necessary to be equal to every emergency, and while I feel keenly my inability to cope with many things that are liable to confront us, I desire your heartfelt co-operation in carrying on the work which I am sure will in the near future redound to the mental and moral improvement of all its members.

No president, be he ever so competent, can have a successful administration without help and encouragement from the subordinates.

THE PRESENT NEEDS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

Owing to the delay on the part of most our members in paying their dues and assessments, and owing to the loss of three of our estimable members by death, we are much in need of sufficient means to liquidate the expenses incurred by such, and I appeal to all who are interested in this grand work to concentrate your efforts once more to show to the world that you are as capable of maintaining a permanent organization as any other race or nation of people.

When this institution was organized in Chicago, two years ago, the spirit of determination was too plainly written on the faces of those present to believe, at this early day, that we did not mean to execute what was so well devised. Now let us remember that our value as men may be rated in the ratio of success that we attain in carrying on the work, which is for intellectual, moral and social good. We are three hundred strong, and just one dollar ($1.00) from each member who has not paid his dues and assessments will place us upon an independent basis, at least for the present.

MATERIAL FOR MEMBERSHIP.

In recommending men for membership I suggest that we exercise much care and try not to recommend anybody for the association that you would not introduce into your family. We want men that are men. Men who regard their obligation as being sacred. Men who will respond to the call of anything reasonable for the upbuilding of the cause.

Hoping to meet with you all in convention (which time and place has not been appointed) at a time when we can all attend, I remain

Yours fraternally,
W. ALONZO LOCKE,
President.

AN OPEN LETTER.

To the Members of the H. & S. W. N. B. A.:

My Dear Brothers—The time and hour has arrived when each must be up and astir, or else surrender up your credentials as members of this great and beneficial organization. The president, W. Forrest Cozart, has retired from the executive chair, after a long mental fatiguing, and stupendious personal sacrifice of both time and money, and we are all duty bound to acknowledge his presidency a successful and untarnished self-enobling, and praiseworthy rule; and, now like the tired child, after romping over fields and meadows, at the close of day, lies down to a calm, peaceful and restful sleep—he quits the executive chair. He may feel justly proud of his good and zealous work in this grand organization, in the interest of his fellow men. Who will take his place? None! No son can take a father's place, except to fill the vacancy at the head of the table. The father once departed is ever gone, and we love and cherish the memory of him for his wise, noble and well-guiding council. Mr. Cozart is the father of the institution, his place will be taken, but will never be filled. The retirement of the president does not necessarily mean the dismemberment of the organization, but rather appeals to every individual member to combine assiduous labor to help make up the deficiency caused by said retirement. Like unto the blind man, the ever ready hand of a charitable and sympathetic public supply a part of his deficiency of sight—the association now stands in need of that willing, helping hand of every member to insure success to its plans; henceforth we must face the future with new and stern resolutions as the affairs of the association were an enterprise of the individual man. The necessity for such an organization among professional men appeal to the logical reasoning of every sane man; besides its social benefits it affords an excellent opportunity for professional improvement, and is a reliable source of valuable information upon both the subjects and the objects of influential headwaiters; its benefits, both moral and material, are of a very substantial nature to the progressive man. Mr. Cozart's resignation (I can say for one) was with just equanimity. Therefore I say bravo! bravo! Mr. Cozart, your good work is already reckoned upon the annals of time, and, like wines, will grow sweeter as the silver cords of age settles upon it.

Yours very truly,
E T. M, Corresponding Secretary.

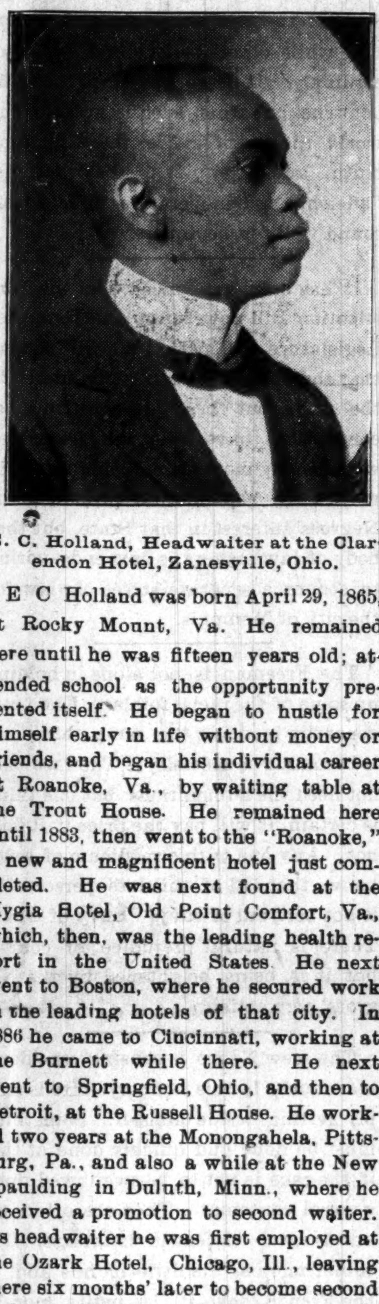
The Freeman acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the 20th Century grand ball and reception, which was given last Wednesday evening by the waiters of Post Tavern, Battle Creek, Mich., in honor of the ladies of that city. We regret our inability to have been present, but we feel certain that a grand old time was held in Armory Hall that night.

Mr. Thomas H. Frame has severed his connection at the Columbia Club and takes charge of the dining room of the Knutsford Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah. The following is a recommendation given him by the Columbia Club:

Mr. Thomas H. Frame, Headwaiter Columbia Club, Indianapolis, Ind,—Dear Sir: It is with many regrets that I accept your resignation as headwaiter of the Columbia Club, and in doing so I desire to express my appreciation of your services while an employe of this club. Your services, while here, have been entirely satisfactory, and I cheerfully recommend you to any one wanting a strictly first class headwaiter. With best wishes for your future I am

Very truly yours,
CHARLES ROUZER, Supt.

PROMINENT HOTEL MEN.



E. C. Holland, Headwaiter at the Clarendon Hotel, Zanesville, Ohio.

E C Holland was born April 29, 1865, at Rocky Mount, Va. He remained here until he was fifteen years old; attended school as the opportunity presented itself. He began to hustle for himself early in life without money or friends, and began his individual career at Roanoke, Va., by waiting table at the Trout House. He remained here until 1883, then went to the "Roanoke," a new and magnificent hotel just completed. He was next found at the Hygia Hotel, Old Point Comfort, Va., which, then, was the leading health resort in the United States. He next went to Boston, where he secured work in the leading hotels of that city. In 1886 he came to Cincinnati, working at the Burnett while there. He next went to Springfield, Ohio, and then to Detroit, at the Russell House. He worked two years at the Monongahela, Pittsburg, Pa., and also a while at the New Spaulding in Duluth, Minn., where he received a promotion to second waiter. As headwaiter he was first employed at the Ozark Hotel, Chicago, Ill., leaving there six months' later to become second waiter at the Ryan Hotel in 1894. In 1895 he became second waiter at the Chittenden in Columbus, Ohio. He has been headwaiter at the Clarendon since last August, and is proving quite an addition to that popular hostelry. Mr. Holland is a Knight of Pythias, a thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner. He is energetic, young and ambitious, and great things may be expected of him in the future.

Clark's Sanitarium.

Mr. Willis Clark, formerly of Hot Springs, Ark., where he had fifteen years' experience, has opened up a sanitarium at Martinsville, Ind., for the exclusive use of colored people. Mr. Clark has an elegant place, and his apartments are well furnished and are comfortable and up to date. Mr. Clark's years of experience is of vast assistance to him, and he should receive the support of the colored people of this and adjoining States.

Social Mention.

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THE CADETSHIP.

The "State Capital" of Springfield, Illinois, is somewhat exercised over The Freeman's position as it concerns its West Point cadetship proposition. It thought that the president, who has a right to make appointments at large, should be urged upon to appoint a colored boy. We did not take very kindly to the proposition, at least to the extent of urging it. As we said before, it is not always expedient to seek the things that are held in common. Rights in abeyance are sometimes more formidable as engines of advancement than rights in motion.

We have in mind the racial situation, the exact status of the day as we see it, when discussing those larger topics in which the welfare of the whole race is considered. The race now, above that of any other period in its history, is ascertaining its bearings, No one will deny, even the most optimistic of us all, but what it appears that there is a general getting together on the other side. The result is that we face more displayed opposition than we ever knew.

Proof of that assertion rests in the late anti-Negro tendencies which is no longer confined to particular latitudes or longitudes. This display of avowed opposition does not necessarily mean that the Negro is not progressing per se nor that the opposition is more general; it is more pronounced, if not more general.

The student of the times, especially those interested in the racial phase of American life, will pause to consider the causes of any tardy movements, or the causes underlying any revuision of sentiment as it concerns either race when such reactionary feeling is displayed by either as against the other.

Just what the malady is in the case is not known. We know its symptoms are evident in mob rule, lynchings in general, disfranchisements and civil debility. We also know that in such things as cadetships and kindred ornaments of American life when strenuously sought by Negroes do not contribute to racial inflamation. We are no doctor, but it is a good time to let the fever subside. There is a pause in favorable sentiment if not a revolution of sentiment that must be met with tact and not audacity. It may be for the best, which is contrary to all indications, or it may be that final stand of opposition that eternally fixes the chasm between the races.

The "State Capital" considers our position as weak; it is strength, strength, like the Chambered Nautilus, to leave the law vaulted past when that condition has become too cramping and confining and per force of necessity, it must come out. Fictitious aids, props and stays will not be necessary to erect the race into respect. The internal growth, the general leavening only, can do the work satisfactorily.

Our race begun its political career with a full accompaniment of Senators and Representatives, National, State Governors and Legislators, general State officers and municipal, galore. The law of inverse ratio has obtained, and now, at the dawning of the twentieth century, when, according to the law of progression, we should be further in the ascent, we stand stripped—nudes, so far as office is concerned, except those bestowed by the appointing powers. Not only stripped of offices. but the very prospect itself of ever obtaining them again has been snatched away. Why is it? Is it not because of the contention for some bauble, the prizes that belong, according to custom and tradition to the race that was ruling when the Negro race was born, to that race that rules the earth and is bent on the same, and to that race whose hand can be staid by the Almighty's alone? In all of this we seek not to eulogize the white men, for they do not need it. Their eulogy stands everywhere.

Such things as cadetship are the outer trappings of civilization. They are given to the race under protest, not such as may arise from other contentions, but peculiar protests that are everlastingly hurtful. The race will not feel wounded in the lack of these little affairs; the price is entirely to dear for the commodity.

We do not think it was charged, as the "Capital" says, that Negro officers were incompetent, but it was said that the soldiers would not act so well under them. The late wars, however, has dispelled all feeling of that kind. Officer and man were all that was expected of them. We have the greatest respect for Negroes in honored positions, but if the giving of them means the passing of them, as illustrated by the events of earlier days, it would be better to pass them up.

The spectacle of Congressman White leaving Congress with no probable successor for years is not a beautiful one. It seems the last scene in the last act of a racial tragedy. Cadetship will not be entertained amid the flicker and flare of its political hopes.

"A woman out in Indiana has just been awarded damages in the sum of $4,000 against the sheriff of a county in which her husband was lynched several years ago. That would seem to be a just verdict under ordinary circumstances, but it was doubly so in this case, for after the damages had been awarded it was discovered that the man who was lynched was entirely innocent of the crime charged."Cleveland Leader.

"Had either one been colored no such justice would have been meted out in Indiana."—Cleveland Gazette.

How do you know? Now we think it is quite time enough for trouble when it comes without hunting it up. Color might have cut a figure in the matter, and the probability is that it would, but how do we know? The better thing to do is to avoid mentioning half the things we do see rather than noseing for things that might be seen. We do not desire to be too inquisitive nor to violate the previously announced principle; but since the State's judicial fairness is attacked, we should like to know if the colored woman would have fared better in Ohio? If the answer is, yes; the question is still how do you know? We presume the courts anywhere are none too friendly, but it would be bad business to prepossess them with resentment, such as such a prejudiced statement could do.

The matter of securing something to do whereby one can earn a living is becoming more and more a very serious question for the colored man.

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Are our industrial and domestic public servants keeping up with the procession? If not, why not? We repeat the question with the increasing disposition of white men to do any kind of honest labor, what is going to become of the Negro as he is increasingly forced out of his old jobs?—The Church Advocate, Baltimore, Md

Its the same old question in a somewhat modified form. We do not believe that there will be any marked change of front shown Negroes by their white employers if they do not themselves compel it by ugly manners Take the servant girl problem; no good mistrees will dispense with the services of polite obliging, well mannered servants—polite even when differences arise. Is it the rule? It should be so. No occasion should be great enough for a quarrel and abusive words.

A paper read by Rev. Edward Gilliam before an association of white ministers of this city created quite a stir. It was quite an able paper, and it was so considered by the association. It was held a little strong by a few. Rev. Gilliam dealt out some racial propositions and facts in his merciless way that caused some wincing. It was the same theme of race proscription, limited opportunities, etc. It is said that some of his recent remarks have been the means of opening the eyes of the whites to the real condition of Negroes industrially considered. If the awakening is productive of results for the betterment of the race it will pay others to strike out on Rev. Gilliam's plan.

Concerning the Vesta cotton mills of Charleston, S. C., the following is said:

"The Negroes were too trifling and lazy and would not stick to the work. Some mornings the mill would start and be short a hundred operatives. This was destined to wreck the property, and the owners quit."

Now, who cares to read such things? Some of the race papers deny the assertion while others believe and speak accordingly. It is to be hoped that it is not true, but when such is given to the world the chances are there is some truth, and a pity it is that there is. Cadetship and inoperative mills do not sound well for beginners.

It has been announced that the Constitution Bill now before the Tennessee Legislature will pass. We will not say that the colored citizen is considered in the move, but these late constitutional conventions have, as a rule, assembled with hardly more than a single aim in view. We hope not to prejudice the Negroes' interest in that State, but that body of law makers is now endeavoring to secure a separate street car law for the city of Memphis.

The Freeman is not alone in holding up some of the racial foibles. The press generally is doing the same thing. It is becoming a necessity. The race may not heed the admonitions, but one thing is certain, it will pay the price if it does not. Any one with a modicum of sense knows that all of this late persecution is not born out of envy. Envy of what? There is natural prejudice of course, but it is being heightened by the Negroes' own actions.

The new Negro is causing considerable trouble in this country. He is simply getting beside himself. Something must be done and quickly done at that if the race is not to be swallowed up in general contempt. They are often too abusive, too violent in language. The minor morals, the little morals and, as the French have it, les petite morales are absolutely wanting.

There ought to be a law prohibiting people from wearing good clothes if those wearing them do not act in accordance. Freedom is not license. The swaggering and staggering, yelling and guffawing with the latest styles on one's back is a customary scene with us. Better go in rags and act becomingly than dress like a king and act as a buffoon.

The Negro press generally is insisting that more Negroes should take to the business side of life. It is right. The arm is a business place as well as mercantile houses. The farm is urged when the possibilities of the latter fail.

There appeared some time ago in the Memphis News an article concerning Rev. Wm. Flagg, of Avery Chapel, desiring his members to pay every time he said dollar, and that the poor of the church cried aloud for mercy. After meeting the pastor and officials of the church, I feel that I have done them an injustice by the article. Seeing the good will and Christian greetings that are tendered to all alike, and learning from the honorable secretary, Mr. Wm. Wells, that all names are entitled to appear on rolls of honor, regardless to the sum donated, I take much pleasure in retracting what I have previously written.

E. W. SADDLER.

Colored men are being promoted in the census office. Messrs. John W. Pope, Walter R. Franklin, Horace Sedgewick and George A. Cox were advanced last week from $720 to $900 per annum. Miss Della M. White, daughter of the Congressman, has led her section for some time, and has been promoted to $1,000. The highest salary is drawn by W. T. Ferguson, rated at $1,200.

The National Capital Searchlight, a new educational journal, has appeared, and looks hearty enough to stay. It is edited by Mr. M. Grant Lucas, and he has plenty of patience and a capacity for hard, continuous and oftimes unrequited work. He will make the paper a go.

OUR JOURNALIST'S
AND
LITERARY
FOLKS.

We are told that to bring a horse to water is quite an easy and simple task. The proposition implies, of course, that you have such an animal—that that he be alive, and that there is plenty of water in the neighborhood to which to bring him. But, and here is the one important point, to introduce this well-known and very popular beverage into the horse's system, is a feat, we are persuaded to believe, whose accomplishment depends more upon the animal's individual inclination than upon our own. And so it is in the matter of giving one's personal opinion concerning books. We may faithfully furnish the (water) reviews, but it must be left to the reader's inclination as to whether these reviews shall be read.

Lighting Against Fate, By Moses D Morris, The Abbey Press, New York. In this world of sin, injustice, faithlessness,—mystery, with all its human vicissitudes and human possibilities, it is doubtful, if a line can be drawn between fact and fiction; the real and the farciful; perfidy and honor; treason and generosity; truth and falsehood; good and evil. The strange experiences through which the author of this book passed in a few years reads like a romance of the more extravagant order. This young man, prosperous, generous, kind-hearted, highly respected in his community, while yet in good health and perfectly sane, is, by his own brother, cunningly conducted into a mad-house in Tennessee and Counted insane. His adventures are thrilling to say the least. From the day he entered the asylum to the final word in the book all is excitement. The narrative is continuously interesting from the beginning; it is graphic, serious, and at times, dramatic. The story is a warning to young men; telling them to beware of Fates dealing!

The Gavel and the Mace, By F. W. Hackett, McClure, Phillips & Co., New York. There is interwoven with the vast amount of information concerning parliamentary practice in legislative assemblies a great deal of highly entertaining and amusing reading. The fact that there is a great deal of vanity in those who are selected to represent the people in Congress and State Legislatures is referred to in many instances. While the author's satirical comments upon the weakness of human nature forms a good portion of the work, still his humor is kindly and good natured throughout.

Poetry and Morals, By Louis Albert Banks, Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York. "Illustrations serve as appetizers to people with a delicate appetite for spiritual things," says the author, and in order that the preacher and public speaker may have at hand illustrations appropriate and striking upon themes of interest he has, with great skill, brought together a number of splendid poems illustrating great moral principles and truths The material is well and carefully chosen.

Christianity Supernatural, by Henry Collins Minton, The Westminister Press, Philadelphia, Pa The argument presented in this volume is well sustained and very strong indeed. It is always important that a clear understanding of the terms employed in a discussion be acquired and then an agreement as to the meaning of such terms. If Dr. Minton's definitions of Christianity and Supernaturalism are agreed upon as correct then his position is well fortified and Christianity supernatural is a valuable contribution to the discussion of this important problem.

The Duke of Stockbridge, by Edward Bellamy (illustrated), Silver, Burdett & Co., New York. Mr Bellamy's Looking Backward won him fame. The Duke of Stockbridge would have done likewise had it been published first. This work only proves that his was a master-mind. He saw as far ahead as he did behind. He could always see the good and noble even in the hated and enslaved. This novel was written before 'Looking Backward," but when finished the author laid it aside with a view to polishing it up later; but that task was left to another. This is a romance treating of Shay's Rebellion, an uprising of farmers and laborers, in Massachusetts just after the revolution. Mr. Bellamy has treated this episode with sympathetic insight. The story is not only of historical value but of great literary merit.

Arnold's Practical Sabbath-School Commentary on the International Lessons, 1901, by Mrs T B. Arnold, The Fleming H. Revell Company, New York The superintendent and Sunday-school teacher are well armed to perform profitable service when they enter their Sunday-schools if they each have a copy of this commentary.

A Quaker Scout, by N. P. Runyan, The Abbey Press, New York. Ralph Dinsmore, a young man who sins, suffers and recovers himself to a life of usefulness, is an example of what is possible in real life. This book is well written. Recognizing the weakness incidental to human nature and the fact that a man is a sinner or a saint very largely according to circumstances The author, in a series of pungent chapters, traces the evolution of a soul and shows that there is a possible moral recovery for those who have strayed far from the path of honor.

AN ABLE STATEMENT

For years to champion the slave was to shut in your own face the doors of every salon in the capital that possessed any attractions; and another fact. that to differ from the President has had, in every case, and especially in that of Mr. Sumner, an exactly similar effect, so one can very readily see why it was that, though more than most men fitted to adorn it, he was still almost a stranger to society.

It was at his own house that you saw him at his best; in a social way we mean, for it was an orator and a statesman that he was great. At the head of his own table, or doing the honors of the museum he called home, he made the occasion an event to his guests, whoever they were. Genial, full of brilliancy, and overflowing with anecdote, a master of the forms of politeness even though a certain over appreciation of himself led him sometimes to forget its spirit there were few hosts like him. Dinners were his hobby and you were very sure of meeting around his table, sooner or later, whoever had received the homage of the world of politics or of letters, in this country: and such of the famous men of the old world as chose to study the American people in their own home. So singularly transparent was he that no one left that table, or partook of that hospitality, without a clear appreciation of the extraordinary favor nature had shown him, and also of those points where she had compensated herself. Mr. Sumner's friends knew his weak points, as well as his enemies knew his greatness.

This house of his was as wonderful and as curious as the man himself. It was so crowded with all things rare and beautiful, and so many of them bore on their faces or carried in their hands a story they seemed longing to tell, that he must have little of feeling or culture who did not find the very walls an inspiration.

Over the mantel in his dining-room, hung the painting he singled out from the rest and willed to his friend, Mr. Smith, of Boston. It is "called The Miracle of the Slave": Mr. Sumner's own words will tell its story better than we can. Said he, at a breakfast-party one morning. I suppose that picture, or its original, did more than any one thing toward my first election. I saw it first on my first trip to Europe, but it made no great impression on me. Still the picture remained in my mind, thought I no more about it. When I was a candidate for the Senate, they wanted me to speak in Faneuil Hall, and at last they persuaded me to. It was at the time of the Fugitive slave excitement in Boston, and while I was speaking I remembered that picture. So I said to the audience :, There is in Venice a picture of a slave brought before the judge to be remanded to his owner On the one side are the soldiers who have brought him there, on the other the men from whom he has fled Just as the judge is about to give him back to their tyranny, St. Mark appears from the heavens and strikes off the fetters from the hands and feet of the trembling man. So, if ever Massachusetts remands to his master a slave who has sought protection in her borders, I pray God that the holy angels may themselves appear and strike the fetters from his hands and feet. The next time I went to Venice, in rummaging around the print shops. I found this picture, and was told that it was either a very old copy or possibly the original sketch from which Tintoretto painted the larger picture I determined to have it at any price, and before I left the shop it belonged to me.

Certainly its history and the friendship which prompted the gift united to make it valuable to the black man who was Mr. Sumner's friend and the last guest who slept under his roof. The grateful deference he ever paid the Senator, was very noticeable, and the pleasant passing of delicate compliments between them was a study in the art of polite phrases. Mr. Smith had hardly reached his home in Boston, the resolutions he brought had just told the senate that Massachusetts trusted the sincerity of her sons where she could not endorse their opinions, when the end came to Mr. Sumner's eventful and distinguished career.

Elkhart, Ill., Jan. 7, 1901.

Mr. Knox Editor Freeman, Indianapolis, Indiana:

Dear Sir—Kind friend I will drop you a few lines to let you now that I received my Christmas number and many thanks in it was perfect.

Very respectfully,
MRS. EMMA GIBBS, Box 17.

GLOWING ACCOUNTS

[CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.]

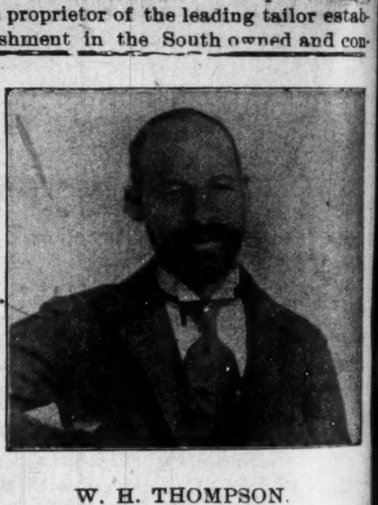
Wilkerson street, in honor of Miss Sadie B. Waur, of North Carolina. Miss Waur is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Harrison. Guests present: Miss Sadie B. Waur, James Franklin, Miss L. Dixon, Mr. Simmons, Miss Mamie Mosby, L. Brown, Miss E. West, S. S. Brown, Miss Belle Anderson, Geo. Byrum, Miss Pauline Clyce, James Lee, Miss Hattie Saddler, Miss Bessie Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Yerby, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Erwin, Mrs. L. B. Bridgeforth, Mrs. F. C. Cooper and Mrs. T. Turner. * * The inaugural committee of 1901 has appointed Mr. John M. Givens as chairman of committee on public comfort. Mr. Givens has selected Mr. J. L. Brinkley as secretary. The following letter, published below, will explain:

"Mr. John M. Givens, Memphis, Tenn.:

"Dear Sir—By virtue of authority vested in me is chairman of committee on public comfort in connection with the inaugural ceremonies March 4th, I hereby appoint you chairman of the local committee on public comfort for your city in connection with the inauguration of the President at Washington on the date heretofore mentioned. You are hereby authorized to increase your committee as you may see fit, not exceeding ten persons.

"DANIEL MURRAY,
"Chairman Com. on Public Comfort."

All persons desiring to attend the inauguration of the President on March 4th, 1901, address John M. Givens, chairman of the committee on public comfort, 154 Beale street, so that they can be cared for and provided with comforts on their arrival. * * Mrs. Dulcie Keys and Mr. and Mrs. R. Carruthers are in our city, visiting friends. * * E. W. Saddler, who it seems is coming to the front, has ben appointed clerk of financial cards by Rev. Wm. Flagg of Avery Chapel. * * The first masked carnival of the season and one that will be hard to surpass in perfection of details or pleasure of those present, was the mask carnival gotten up by Mrs. J. J. Jones and others, given at the Alhambra Hall, which was donated by Hon. M. G. Clay. From the moment of entering the guests found themselves in the atmosphere of beautifully decorated masqueraders. The hall was the scene of beautiful decorations in green and crimson, and the excellent band combined with the smooth floor to make the dancing a more than ordinary pleasure. At 12 o'clock the masqueraders repaired to the beautiful table, which was laviously decorated with all the delicacies of the season. The music was furnished by Turner and Bynum's orchestra, which the sweet strain of music filled the air with sweet melodies until 3:45 o'clock. Carriages were called at 4. * * Miss Addie Morris, of West Point, Oklahoma, is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Bonnett, 21 Stewart avenue.



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There is a true saying that where there is worth you will always hear talk. We believe this saying is very much adapted to the Negro race. Under the heading of "Some Sound Logic," there appeared in the Evening Scimitar an article referring to one Dr. Lyman Abbott's remarks concerning the barbarians, stating that they had no right in a civilized community. The man whose lips uttered such sayings, which are almost as cruel as the heartless grave, speaks of the Negroes as a set of barbarians. As the white papers of our city pay attention to the article in a way which we will not comment upon, we think it behooves us, as the defender of Afro-Americanism, to cut loose the stammering tongue. It is very strange to us—as a set of slaves we were worth thousands of dollars apiece, but as free men we are barbarians, and therefore worthless. When they say such things concerning us, we ask them to give us justice by showing to the world our wonderful inventions, fashionable churches, business houses of every description, banks, schools and colleges and farms that are owned and controlled by our people. Ask them where under the canopy of heaven do they find a barbarous set of people doing such things? If they have made such a wonderful discovery it must be because there is something wrong in the upper story, and as the song says, we repeat the same, "Wake up. for they are dreaming."

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COONTOWN 400." (Lee Moses, Mgr.)—Plymouth, Iowa, 23; Thornton, 25; Eagle Grove, 26; Ellsworth, 27; Radcliff, 28; Hubbard, March 1

THE ZOO (Frank C. Bostock, director)--Glasgow Scotland, continuous and indefinite

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURES (Voelckel and Nolan managers)—Horton, Kans. Feb 25; St Joseph, Mo, 26-27; Lincoln, Neb 28; Omaha, March 1-2

THE ZOO (Frank C. Bostock, director)—Milwaukee, Wis, continuous and indefinite

W. I. SWAIN'S ORIGINAL COLORED NASHVILLE STUDENTS.—Jerseyville, Ill, Feb. 23

THE ZOO (Frank C. Bostock, director)--Baltimore, Md. continuous and indefinite

SLAYTON'S JUBILEE SINGERS.—Praire Depot, O, Feb 23

THE ZOO (Frank C. Bostock, director)--Indianapolis, Ind, continuous and idefinite

F. Inman sends regards to Arthur Moore.

E. J. Looney sends regards to Harry Royston.

Frank Clermont and Miss Etta Miner, of New York City, have joined hands.

A. P. Jackson, the minstrel, opened a two week's engagement Feb. 11 at the Casino concert hall, Cincinnati, O.

Ernest Holmes, the clever all-round performer, is filling an engagement at the Buckingham theatre, Tampa, Fla.

W. A. Dean, formerly representing The Freeman at Wichita, Kans., has returned to his home at Pittsburg, Pa.

Everybody with Lee Moses' "Coontown 400" Co., is enjoying the best of health, and send regards to all professional friends.

Richard M. Cooper, Cincinnati's favorite baritone vocalist is singing that beautiful ballad "Wait," and is taking 5 and 6 encores nightly.

Hill and Polk, rag time coons, write that they will star Miss Rosa Payne the coming season, and they have also added Prof. Will Reed's famous concert band No. 1.

W. H. Shackleford, of the Selma, Ala., dramatic club, sends regards to the Shearer quartette with the Nashville Students and would like to hear from W. H. Spencer.

Johnson and Verona write they just finished a two weeks engagement at Muelian concert hall and opened at the Star Theatre, Niagara Falls, N. Y., week of Feb. 18; they send regards to all.

Billy S. Le Vard worked the Wonderland theatre, Buffalo, N. Y., week of Feb. 11 and at the Plam garden week of 18, with the Proctor circuit to follow, and does three a day, boys, and work in one, but getting the m-o-n-e-y.

Cissell and Mines, the colored magnets, write, after their long season of hard luck, they are again on the road to success; they are booked solid till April 22 in some good house and some of the other. Regards to friends. Mr. Cissel will join the Masons in Buffalo, N. Y., Feb 25.

The "Darktown Swell" Co., went to the wall Feb. 1, at Bothwell, Ont., and all the company were left on their own resources, and there was not $10.00 in the company. The show was a success in every way, but poor management was the show's downfall. There was six weeks back salary due every member of the company.

The "Pan-American Coons," a colored show of some note will open at Niagara Fall, Ont., tonight; it will be under the management of John D. Toll. The show will be staged under the personal direction of Clarence Cissel, while Billy S. Le Vard is stage manager. The roster of company is: Johnson and Verona, Billy S. Le Vard, Wilson Brother, Sadie Reeves, Ward and McLeod, Silver Bell quartette, Bee Moore, Kitty Wilkes and her Eight Komedy Koons and a band of ten pieces. They will play all summer, and are booked well in all the leading parks and fairs.

Miss Laura Sisretta Logan, late of Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin and White Slave companies, has joined Suwanee River Concert Jubilee Co. She sings classical, plantation melodies and coon songs; she is also a clever soubrette, does graceful cake walking and somewhat of a monologist; her high soprano voice is sweet and clear and very distinct. The young lady hails from New Orleans, La., and is a busy agent for the Boston Chemical Co. She sends regards to Dan. E. Washington, Major B. F. Payne, Sonny Haskins, D. T. Thomas, Charley Elgar, Byron family, Ralph Nicholas, Marshall family, all friends.

Herbert La She, the slack wire artist at Des Moines, Iowa, writes.—I have several offers for next season but have not accepted any as yet. Tom Jefferson, colored singing and talking comedian is in the city getting ready for the coming season. Foster and Henderson, of "Coontown 400" are in the city; Mr. Henderson has been very ill. Colored shows have been very scarce here this winter. Everybody is waiting for the "Hottest Coon in Dixie;" they will stand them up here. Bob. Kelly is a favorite here. I expect to leave in March to fill some dates in the east. Regards to Alabama quartette, Housley Bros., Tom Culligan and friends.

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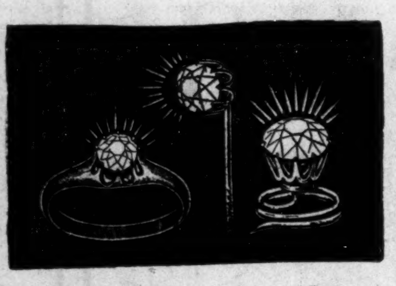

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Mrs. E Azalia Hackly, soprano singer of Denver, Col., and a graduate of the University of Denver College of Music, entertained an appreciative audience at Bethel A. M. E. church, Indianapolis, last Monday evening, and clearly [illegible]med her hearers beyond expression [illegible]er sweet soprano voice. Mrs. [illegible]ckley is also a beautiful lady, and [illegible]en singing can be heard and seen to [illegible]ood advantage—being possessed of a strong, clear voice. Her wonderful voice is only equaled by a repetition of the same, which she will do at Simpson Chapel Wednesday evening, Feb. 27. Mrs. Hackley is well known in western musical circles for her rare and beautifully modulated voice which is exquisitely trained and shows wonderful artistic ability.

Notes from Allen, Quine & Oakes' New Orleans minstrels.—30 copies of The Freeman reached us all O K this morning, and the boys can be seen with papers in hand reading the good news. Manager Quine is again with us, helping Treasurer Oakes and Mr. Allen read it too; he looks well and says he feels better than ever. The Queen City quartette have also got their other tenor singer, Reavy Smith, who joined us in Birmingham, Ala. The Cheathams closed in Bessmer, Ala. A. Guiguess, who closed some time ago, is now in New Orleans doing well. We have a certain member in our show who is getting tired of reading other people's papers and is expected to take The Freeman by the year before this month expires. J Bailey, bass singer with the Queen City quartette, receives encores nightly, singing "Down in the deep let me sleep when I die;" he sends best wishes to West End quintette of Savannah, Ga. John S. Walker sends regards to Prof. Jessie E. Small, of Sydney, Australia; write care of The Freeman.

Buffalo, N. Y., stage items.—The Jacksons, Billy and Madrid, are at Fenton's winter garden this week; opened Feb. 11; they are the hit of the bill, and are engaged for two weeks; they go to Palm garden Feb. 25, with Montreal, Canada, to follow. The Ver Vilian, the colored musical act has taken Buffalo by storm; they are engaged by request to play a special date this week at Port Colborne, out this week; they open on the New England circuit Feb. 25 and are booked solid for balance of summer. Miss Lillo Sin and her four pickaninnies are making a big hit at the Wonderland theatre this week. Bob Lasker, the laughing coon, is still hitting 'em with the laughing song and others. The Morning Glory colored music hall opened Feb. 22 under new management; they will run a free show weekly, and always want talent. Colored performers are coming in to Buffalo by the hundreds, and are all getting work and doing good. The Payne Sisters, Mamie and Susie, open at the Theatre Comique, Niagara Falls, Feb. 18, for the week; they send regards to all friends.

In remembrance of our devoted friend Joe Dobbins, who departed this life Jan. 27, 1901; he leaves two sisters and a brother to mourn their loss. Mr. Dobbins started in the musical profession at the age of 15 years, under the direction of John C. Cash. In 1886 he was made leader of the famous Young Men's brass band of Memphis, Tenn., which he held up with much credit until Jan. 3rd, 1889. He was employed by McCabe & Young's minstrels; the season of 1897 he was with Taylor's "Big Black Boom" and Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin; he was the leader of the 9th Batallion band of Chicago, Ill., and was with Oliver Scott's minstrels in 1898, and in 1899 with Georgia minstrels. He has won an undying reputation from the pubiic. He was a devoted brother and loved by all who knew him, and will be missed. His place in the Young Men's band is vacant, one more link broken from the band.

His soul, a shaft feathered by works of grace;
Death, the grim archer, launches forth in space;
It cleaves the clouds, o'ershoots the vaporous wall,
That waves 'twixt earth and heaven its mystic pall,
To light, at last unerring, strong and fleet,
In the deep calm which lies at Allah's feet

The "Jolly Grass Widows" Burlesque company, under the direction of Miaco & Fulton, will commence a three day's engagement at the Empire theatre, Indianapolis, Monday matinee, Feb. 25. The show comes well recommended and besides such well known burlesquers as Mlle. Dika, Carrie Fulton, Jake Moore, John Lancaster and Harry Hodges, there is a chorus of twenty handsome young ladies while the costumes, scenery and electrical effects in the burlesques are magnificent. The vaudeville bill is as follows: Paulo and Dika, French duettists; Howard and Moore, Hebrew character impersonators; Imperial Trio, Hodge, Hayward and Lancaster; Miss Gussie Vivian, soubrette; the Folly Trio, Ward, Bradburn and Murphy, and Allen and Allen, eccentric acrobatic comedians. "The Widow's Wedding Night" is the title of the opening part, and "The Sign of a Red Light" brings the performance to a close. Interspersing the vaudeville acts is a series of art pictures on a most elaborate scale. Howard & Emerson's "A New York Girl" Co., commences a three day's engagement on Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Empire with a show that is new from start to finish. The performance differs entirely from other burlesque performances, being of a high class order, and includes such well known artists as Howard Emerson, the originators and acknowledged leaders of illustrated and animated pictures; the Livingstone family, the world's daring acrobats; Williams and Adams, the popular comedians, known as the Monte Carlo Millionaires; Kelly and Davis, singing and talking comedians; Kitty Nelson, a winsome soubrette; Anderson and Wallace, character actor and comedienne, and thirty well known burlesquers. The Burletta is from the pen of Joseph Howard, and embodies lots of witty sayings, plenty of good songs and music

Frank Clermont, cornetist with Rusco & Holland's Original Nashville Students and Gideon's minstrels, writes.—The company has been as far east as Portland, Maine, and now on our way west; business has picked up considerable since we struck Willmington, Del. Our genial manager, L E. Gideon, has left nothing undone to please the members of this company. Our band, under Prof. S. E. Dodd, is the topic of the street talk in every town after the parade. In spite of the cold weather our big band concert never fails to hold the crowd until the last note is played, then! the rush is made for the door entrances to theatre. Skinner Harris our stage manager, of the famous team of Desdunes and Harris, never fails to take 2 and 3 encores as a singing and pantomiming comedian. Bobby Kemp and Julius Glenn, headliners of our 2nd edition, 1st part, keeps the house roaring from start to finish. Our ballad singers are, E. J. Looney, N. Johnson, James R. Douglass and A. A. Copeland, of whose mention we can boast that their singing pleases the audiences, and our first part is closed by the popular little Chicago team, known from coast to coast as the Pickaninny Campbells. Our olio is a stormer. Bobby Kemp and his band; next to follow is the genius Frank Kirk, America's greatest colored musical acrobat, assisted by A. A. Copeland, and his famous pet owl; next on the bill, Desdunes and Harris, the incubators of fun, who never fail to make good; our quartette follows, Kemp, Glenn, Douglass, Looney, credited with singing 2 jubilees, 1 operatic medley and 3 encores nightly; next to follow, the puzzle, Marsh Craig, the contortionist; we need not mention anything of Mr. Craig, as the public and press know him well for his clever and graceful work. Billy Miller, king of all colored monologists, entertains the audiences with his usual manner and wittycisms; and to close the olio, our stage manager, Mr. Harris, assisted by Bobby Kemp, has a Zulu cast with comedy subjected from the Zulu land, which closes the show with 2 and 3 curtain raisers. We are due in Indianapolis for three days; I have no doubt that my friends and staff will see the show and will see that I have not said one word unworthy of praise of our show. S. E Dodd sends regards to Joe Pleasant. My regards to P. G. Lowery, James Lacy, George Bailey and Charlie Moore, president of Douglass club, New York City.

Selma Notes.

Selma, Ala., Special.—Mrs. Ben Stevens is taking in the sights at Mobile's Mardi Gras Carnival. John Brooks, a colored workman on the new court house, fell from the top to the brick pavement, a distance of forty three feet, and broke no bones. He complained of only a slight pain in his side. Miss Mary Foster left last Saturday for Mobile. G. W. Cason has sold his restaurant on Washington street and opened up a neat one on the corner of North and Franklin streets. The concert for the benefit of the First Baptist Church, last Wednesday night, under the direction of Miss Lizzie Du Bose was quite a success. Moten & Smith have dissolved partnership, and hereafter J. S. Moten will be found at the old stand, while Mr. Smith is on the corner of Vogelin and Lawrence streets with a new line of goods. Mesdames Frazier and Bennett are in Pensacola. Henry Williams is in Pensacola. Mrs. Dr. Brown is still very dangerously ill. John Garrett has received the overture for the Alabama Minstrels. It is a ragtime soiree prepared by Witmork.

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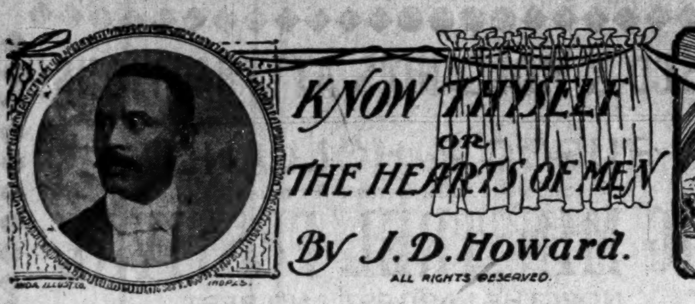

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CHAPTER XXII.

FOILED.

The hours dragged wearily by to the men in jail. With a feverish anxiety they awaited the arrival of the implements that would set them free. The strain of suspense was terrible. "Would the box be passed in? Had Gladys inadvertently left anything undone calculated to arouse suspicion? These and like perplexing questions, they continually plied one to the other, rendering themselves most miserable indeed.

When the eventful hour arrived at last and Jack was called to the door to sign for the receipt of the box he trembled so violently that it was with difficulty that he held the pen in his nervous hand as he wrote his name. Upon the events of the hour depended his liberty!—nay, perhaps his very life!—one false move and all would be lost! The jailer laid each article upon the stone floor outside of the main door by the side of the box, carefully examining every thing, even to the turning of the leaves in each book. Finally after all had been thoroughly inspected he ordered the turn-key to replace the articles in the box and hand it in. As the heavy iron door swung upon its grating hinges and was locked after the box had been passed in, the expressions upon the faces of the men suddenly changed from strained uncertainty to one of complete joy. Taking up the box they bore it triumphantly to their cell, as though it had been some huge nugget of precious metal. The saws, safe and sound, were quickly extracted and hidden in the ticking of the mattress.

They had located the weakest part of the jail in an unused cell on the right of the corridor; it was the first on that side after entering the maindoor, and consequently was a corner cell, the outer walls of which intersected the high stone wall encompassing the building. This cell had long been condemned as unsafe. As a result the lever locking it was kept constantly in place.

This lever constituted a peculiar piece of mechanism.

The main sliding rod was about twenty-four feet in length, and extended over the tops of the four cell doors on that side. It protruded through an apperture in the wall extending into the vestibule without the main door, where it was operated by the turn-key without entering the jail proper. This rod was made fast to the wall by brackets with expansion bolts set in the stone work. At each door, extending down four feet from the sliding rod, was a plumb post two by three-eights iron intersecting two sliding latches.

These were set in brackets, fastened to the stone work by expansion bolts also. The top latch was twenty four inches long and the bottom one eighteen inches long. A lateral brace extended from the top rod to the bottom latch, this crossed the vertical post which was an inch and a half by three-eighths iron; this brace was riveted to the top sliding rod and crossed the vertical to which it was again riveted, and also to the top and bottom latches. Mechanics call this "E latch" or "K brace."

Through the prisoners confined Jack and Swift learned that a stone in the outer wall of the condemned cell was considerably loosened, the result of a previous attempt at delivery by some men who had been apprehended in their efforts to dislocate the rock from its fastenings by the use of improvised crowbars procured by twisting off the legs of the bath tub. Since then the cell had been kept securely locked and the men confined on the other side. They also learned that but two small bolts called "steady bolts," about three quarters of an inch in diameter were all that were holding the stone in place. If these were sawed in two the stone, which would weigh about five hundred pounds, could be easily removed, leaving a hole in the wall of sufficient dimensions to admit the body of a man through it.

Their plans were to sever the sliding rod of the lever which, when disconnected with its fastenings outside the door, would enable them to push it back thereby unlocking the cell they desired to enter. After this was accomplished all they had to do was to cut the tiny bolts holding the rock and pile upon the floor directly under it several mattresses and blankets to deaden the sound and ease the stone to the floor, when Liberty, the dearest thing on earth to an human soul in prison, would be theirs.

Upon the afternoon of the day on which the saws arrived Jack and Swift set earnestly to work to cut the lever A few days before they had procured a small phial of castor oil upon the plea of obstipation; provided with this excellent lubricator, the saws cut smoothly, scarcely a sound was audible. While one was at work the other—to counteract any possible noise that might result from the action of the saw upon the rod—would lead the rest of the prisoners in some good old Christian hymn. The work was slow. But, impelled by that fierce desire for liberty which is ever rife in the hearts of convicts, they worked on like Trojans.

At supper time they had the sliding rod of the lever about one-third in two.

There was now one other delicate move they must make which was of material moment to the success of their undertaking It was customary to hand in supper at six o'clock; at seven the men were locked in their cells for night. As has been stated, the prisoners were confined in the cells on the left of the corridor, they were five in number, one more than was on the right, and were built of solid steel. They were arranged into small cages, seven feet long and five feet wide; these were locked by the same kind of lever as those on the other side. Every prisoner in the jail save two trusties were locked in their cells at night. The two trusties slept on the condemned side of the jail occupying one of the rock cells, each of the other prisoners upon entering their cells were required to pull the door after them and hold it in place till the turn key threw on the lever locking them. Jack and Swift had adopted a shred method by which to deceive the turn-key and remain out of their cells.

An agreement had been made with the two trusties for them to push the doors of Jack and Swift's cells while they would be in hiding in one of the cells on the other side.

This worked like a charm.

Of course the turnkey key seeing the doors of the cells securely locked went away satisfied that all was as it should be.

All that night Jack and Swift worked incessantly; each stroke of the saw brought them nearer their coveted freedom; just before the dawn of day their efforts were rewarded with success. The lever parted noiselessly in twain! Their faces wore an anxious, excited look, and their eyes gleamed with the desperation of their purpose. The stealthy cat like movements of the men as they tipped noiselessly to the main door, straining their ears to make sure all was still without, together with the grim, resolute determination in their faces was sufficient to impress one of their desperate characters.

The flickering rays of the solitary incandescent light enabled them to peer through the small hole in each cell door; the slow rhymical breathing of the sleeping prisoners assured them that their work had been noiseless. Placing their shoulders to one of the vertical posts comprising a part of the severed lever with one strong united pull they drew it back displacing the latches on the door and entered the condemned cell!

They carefully examined the stone and found it extremely loose, as had been represented.

All had been accomplished that could be done for the time being.

A gray streak in the East told them that the day was fast dawning and they set to work to cover up all traces of their work. Coming out of the cell they closed the door and quietly pushed the lover back into its accustomed place. They then took a bar of soap and gummed up the crevices where the saw had cut its way through the sliding rod. With the aid of a small quantity of soot sprinkled on the soap they smeared it over and toned it down precisely the color of the iron When they had finished, their work was so perfect as to render detection of the incision absolutely impossible. Gathering up their saws and oil they hid them carefully in the cracks between the stones of one of the unused cells, and stretching themselves upon the cold stones of the floor were soon asleep, dreaming of their liberty and the joys it would bring.

Shortly after breakfast the prisoners were thrown into a state of unusual commotion when the jailer announced that the prison was to be honored with a visit by the school children and the ladies of the Flower Mission; a custom annually observed by a local organization- the purpose being to refreshen the withered lives of the miserable inmates with a few flowers, and to minister to them Spiritually. The prisoners were told to prepare for a general cleansing of the entire jail. When this announcement greeted the ears of Jack and Swift the r hearts sunk with a thud. They knew that nothing short of a miracle would prevent their work from being discovered.

Their only hope based upon the probability of the cleaning being left to the prisoners was soon dispelled by the burly turn-key with two vicious looking Negro prisoners who had been confined in the division below and who were evidently trusties appearing at the door. The turn-key carried in his hands a coil of rubber hose. Opening the door he ordered the Negroes to remove the mattresses from the cells and carry them out into the vestibule. Jack and Swift barely had time to hurry into their cells and conceal the saws they had hidden in the ticking of the bed upon their persons before the mattress, with the others, was carried out.

This was indeed a close call.

Jack and Swift took in the situation at a glance.

The turn-key was going to attach the hose to the hydrant outside and turn on the water. Their hopes were ended. Farewell to their cherished dream of escape. All was over!

The water was turned into the cells on the left first. When this side had been thoroughly cleansed the right hand lever was unlocked, but quick as a flash, before it could be thrown back Jack and Swift sprang forward in a last desperate effort to cover up their work, and grasped the sliding rod on either side of the incision, holding it firmly tegether as it was pushed back. Their hearts beat with such rapidity that the increased pulsations almost drove them wild. From his position the turn-key could not see what had taken place. The Negro trusties paid no attention to what they had seen, thinking no doubt that the men were merely assisting the turn-key in throwing the lever. They knew that that side of the jail had long been unused and as a consequence the lever might have become rusty and required assistance in operating it.

All thus far was well!

If they only could succeed in getting it back in place without detection they were safe!

Trembling in every limb they watched the process of cleaning. Finally all was completed. The turn-key said he would let the cells dry out for an hour before replacing the mattresses and he and the Negroes left the jail.

Jack and Swift took advantage of this temporary respite from the terrible strain of suspense under which they had labored since the cleaning began, to perfect plans among the prisoners to assist them in concealing the cut in the lever.

It was agreed that two men station themselves at each cell door on the condemned side and after the mattresses had been replaced at a given signal all were to push the lever in place. In a short while, after these plans had been agreed upon, the turn-key returned and the mattresses were placed back into the cells According to agreement the lever was shoved into its place; for a moment it looked as though the men were going to succeed. After all was done and Jack and Swift began to feel that Heaven had answered their prayers; all of a sudden their hearts leapt within their breasts, and for a moment almost stood still. The turn-key had ordered one of the darkies, who carried in his hand an oil can, to proceed to oil both levers!

The last hope to which they clung had been dispelled.

The mingled fear and anxiety that surged through their hearts during the next few moments is beyond all comparison.

When the different parts of the lever on the left hand side had been oiled one of the trusties was sent outside to work it back and forth that the oil might penetrate the various cracks and crevices in the brackets.

A groan went forth from the foiled conspirators.

The Negro proceeded to oil the lever on the condemned side as he had done that of the other. In despair Jack and Swift walked to the rear end of the corridor and sat down to await develments. The first effort he darkey made at moving the lever to and fro the sliding rod parted in twain!

The rent had been discovered!

The turn-key carefully examined the place where the lever had been cut. He took the matter philosophically. not even questioning the prisoners as to the perpetrator of the job but quietly left the jail.

Contrary to all expectations, nothing whatever was said about the discovery until after the visitors had come and gone, when Jack and Swift were ordered by the jailer to be locked in their cells both day and night until further orders from him

None of the other prisoners were punished. The jailer seemed to know instinctively who the guilty parties were.

[To Be Continued.]

From Tennessee

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.—The Young Men's Social club met at the home of E. Beaumont last Friday night. The Busy Bee club met at the C. M. E. church Sunday evening. A new arrival has appeared at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones; it's a fine girl. Mrs. Nancy Rivers is up again after a very bad attack of la grippe. Rev. A. N. Stevens, D. D., and Miss M. E. Clay were married at Ripley, Tenn., Feb. 3, by Elder E. W. Mosely; the bride is a sister of Dr. J. B. Clay of our city. Logan Reed, agent for The Freeman, spent Sunday in Ripley in interest of The Freeman. Rev. Rosser is preparing for a grand rally on the fourth Sunday.

AN APPEAL.

By a sudden calamity Dec. 17, 1900, we are without a church; the building associated with so much that was dear to us is in ashes. In behalf of my stricken congregation I make this appeal for help, as our church has never confined its work to this locality. Our church has never been sufficient either in size or appointments for the people who came. We want to build something worthy of our city and worthy the cause of God. We want six hundred ($600) dollars, which, when added to the insurance, will build what is needed. I make this appeal to all of our friends throughout our christendom to all denominations; to all creeds, and to those of no creed at all, to come to our assistance. What we shall do as a church depends upon the immediate respond made to this call. May the God, who has our destiny as individuals and churches, in His hands, appear for our deliverance. Myself and family, who had been alarmed, stood and saw our Sabbath home crumble beneath the cruel flames. My last sermon in that building was "God is love." Responses to this appeal may be sent to me at Dyersburg, Tenn., and I will acknowledge the receipt thereof with my own hand. REV. M. S. McCAULEY,
Pastor C. P. Church.

A Series of Casualties

Taylor, Tex., Special.—The Murphy Street Christian church is being made larger, and in addition they are building a pool and a choir gallery. Another colored man has caught smallpox and taken to the pest tent. New readers of The Freeman: F. Hicks, B. Berry, N. Williams, Mrs. Clarke, Dennis Hunter, N. Guinn and Charity Patterson. Charles McDonald had his finger cut off last week at Taylor's cotton work. Woodie Stain, of Austin, was in the city last week. Mrs. Katie Bratton was called from Austin to the bed side of her husband, Thomas Bratton, who was hurt at the Nat compress last week. A literary club was organized at the A. M. E. church last week, the name of which is the Booker T. Washington Literary club; Prof. T. A. Collins, president; C. McCoy, secretary; J. Tanner, reporter. Sick listed: Mrs. Sam Richardson, Estella and Alice Wills, Mrs. Nathan Guinn. Butler Clarke, colored, owns one of the finest buggy animals in our county. If you want to get The Freeman for one year cheap, ask the local agent and he will talk to you about the club. Charles Hutchinson had four of his fingers mashed last week at Williams' oil mill.

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A Revelation in Negro Journalism.

Editor The Freeman. — Hope The Freeman folks are well after getting out the immense holiday edition. It was a revelation in Negro journalism. More than a newspaper, it was a current reflex of the Negro's highest aspirations and achievements in countless fields of endeavor, and would serve as an admirable text-book for colored Americans who are inclined to view our status through pessimistic spectacles. Our pioneers of newspaperdom would rub their eyes in astonishment could they come back from their tombs, and take a peep into the magnificent exhibit you gave to the country. The Holiday Freeman illustrated what wonderful results can come from brains and energy combined and intelligently directed. I shall preserve a copy as a sample of high-water mark journalism, regardless of color.

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From Brooklyn

Brooklyn, N. Y., Special.—We recall no recent death in Brooklyn which has caused such wide spread bereavement as the death of Sidney S. Painter, on Feb. 7. He leaves a host of relatives and friends. For twenty years he was a trusted clerk, employed by the firm of A. A. Low, 31 Burling Slip, New York City, and was highly respected.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

H. I. K., Muncie, Ind.—The world's one-mile bicycle record is 1:19 made by Major Taylor at Chicago, Ill., Nov. 15, 1899.

I. N. T., Memphis, Tenn.—Robert Fitzsimmons defeated Jack Dempsey for middleweight championship of the world in 13 rounds at New Orleans, Jan. 14, 1891. 2. He is still the champion.

Mrs. Mary, Pittsburg, Pa.—Jay-Eye-See was a double gaited horse with records of 2:10 trotting and 2:6½ pacing.

T. S, Lexington, Ky.—High, jack goes out first.

S. K., Chicago, Ill.—Rey El Santa Anita won the American derby in your city in 1894. Time 2:36.

A. B. Louisville, Ky.—Salvator's time for one mile against time is 1:35½, 4 years old, carrying 110 pounds. Lillian Lee's time for one mile and seventy yards is 1:34¾, 3 years old, carrying 95 pounds.

C. F. G., Waco, Tex.—Whist is the most popular parlor game in the East. 2. Yes, you should adopt it also.

Chas. N., Nashville, Tenn.—The fastest mile ever made in a pacing race was performed by Star Pointer; time 2:00½, beating Joe Patchen.

Sunday's Cincinnati Enquirer had the following article from Macon.

Long before George Dixon met his Waterloo at the hands of Terry McGovern I had a talk one night with Tom O'Rourke about him. Tom told me that the marvelous little Mulatto was dissipating terrible, and that he had found it impossible to check his carousing career. "If he keeps on as he is going," said O'Rourke, "it won t surprise me to learn that he will be whipped inside of a year." That prophesy came true, for in less than a year the same O'Rourke had to toss up the sponge for him in token of defeat to keep him being absolutely knocked out by McGovern.

Since that time Dixon's career has been steadily downward. He was to meet Harry Lyons, a smart colored boy of Chicago, at Buffalo tonight, but as I write it is reported that George is wholly unfit to go in the ring, and that his old manager, Tom O'Rourke, is doing his best to have the fight called off. It is reported that Dixon doesn't weigh more than 100 pounds, stripped, and that he is really more fit for a ward in a hospital than the ring of a sporting arena. I feel very sorry for Dixon. He did more to gain respect for men of color than any Negro that ever lived in America, barring only, perhaps, Fred Douglass and Booker T. Washington. Years ago I suggested that the colored race should fitly honor Dixon and its members by raising a fund and properly invest it so that he could be maintained for life without having to figure in the prize ring again—to do for Dixon what the English people did for Tom Sayers after he futilely fought with John C. Heenan. My advice was unheeded, and poor Dixon today is virtually an object of charity. I fear that his finish is not far off. His life will point a moral even if it does not adorn a tale.

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Oscar Gardner and Johnny Burns have been matched for a twenty round contest to take place at Elwood, Ind., on the occasion of the opening of the new Coliseum in that city, within the next three weeks.

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The fight between Joe Gans and "Wilmington Jack" Daly at Baltimore a few nights ago ended in the sixth round by Daly fouling Gans. The latter had much the best of the contest, and Daly committed several fouls to save himself from being knocked out.

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Billy Moore, of St. Louis, and Al. Johnson, of Albany, N. Y., fought five fierce rounds in New York City a few nights ago under the glare of two oil lamps and before a crowd of about fifty sports. The fight was a good one and when the referee awarded the fight to Moore, gave entire satisfaction. The boys are both colored and are the first to attempt a sparring contest in that city since the existence of the Horton law.

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Breakaway is extremely indebted to Prof. W. M. Moore, of 6 W. 67th street, New York City, an instructor of physical culture, for a budget of news, but owing to the closing of The Freeman's forms it was too late for publication. I will take pleasure in commenting on his splendid letter in next issue.

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Governor Nash and State Militia of Ohio defeated two little men in a sparing contest deal at Cincinnati last week. Who said rats!

THE ZOO

Director General Bostock of the Zoo is presenting a series of benefits to religeous institutions, secret orders and worthy charities. This is a characteristic of the man and in the face of the $400,000 loss by the burning of the Baltimore Zoo, is certainly highly commendable. Last Monday and Tuesday were Hibernian days and the Ladie's Auxilliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians had charge of the Zoo receiving the receipts. Wednesday was Newsboy's Band day. The Newsboy's Band was a feature and the benefit a success in every way. Thursday a benefit was given for the Alpha Home for Aged Colored Women. It also was a success. Harry Waters, the original Erastus took part in the entertainment. The Red Men had the Zoo Friday and crowded it to its utmost capacity.

The arena acts at the Zoo are highly appreciated. Captain Bonavita with his twenty lions, wins fresh laurels at every perfomance. Mons Boyker, with pyramid bears and hybrids, is gaining inpopularity every day. "Doc," the baby elephant is too cute for anything. He performs in the steele arena and his greatest trick is walking across the arena on the necks of bottles. Big Frank the Boxing kangaroo ain't doing a thing to Prof. Jimmie Briggs, his sparring partner. He has our knock-outs to his credit in the last four days. Baby Stella introduces a Bird in the Gilded Cage which is very charming. She is the youngest animal trainer in the world. Prof. Aginton, the Human Top, puts on a remarkably speedy and fancy roller skating act. Lorenzo is presenting his famous lion hunt based on experiences he had when in South Africa with both Stanley and Director General Bostock.

The Zoological promanades continue the favorite pastime of ladies and children. Free rides on elephants, camels, ponies and donkeys are a novelty indeed. The feeding of the wild beasts at 4:30 nd 10:30 daily is a sight that is interesting and very instructive. Many people come only at feeding time and consider it a great study.

Chuncey Morlan, the Indianapolis colossus and his wife, weighing together twelve hundred and sixty pounds, the largest couple in the world, are attracting much attention. It has been ten years since Mr. Morlan exhibited in this, his native city. In this time with his wife he has travelled the world over and has returned having failed to find any two people as large in size or weight as themselves,

Race Gleanings

Samuel Colridge Taylor of London, England is a musical Prodigy young Taylor was born in London and educated there He early evidenced an aptitude for music, and now, at the age of 25, he is one of the most distinguished musicians of England. His "Hiawatha" has given him a fame that is extending around the globe. Eminent musical critics pronounce him one fo the best composers of this age, and his "Hiawatha" production one of the most unique of modern times. He has just been elected Professor of Hormony and Composition in the Crystal Palace School of Art and Music, London. all his students are white.

J. H. Lewis, of Boston, Mass., is the leading tailor of that city. The Harvard set, the ruling class of Boston, forms the bulk of his patronage. Mr. Lewis has $40,000 invested in his business, does $125,000 worth of work a year.

Dr. J. W. Ames of Detroit, is the only colored member of the Michigan Legislature. His speech, seconding the nomination of Senator McMillian received an ovation.

Miss Alice Mills, of Baltimore, Md. was recently left $500 by Mrs. M. Champe Robinson, by whom she had been employed.

Willis O. Tyler, who won the Indiana state Oratorical honors for Indiana state University, was royally welcomed by citizens of Bloomington, upond his return there. While he was driven through the principal streets seven or eight hundred students marched behind cheering the victor. All places of interest were visited and a banquet was given in his honor at night.

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Recognizing the fact that there are many SO CALLED hair-growers and hair-straighteners now on the market, and knowing to a certainty that many of these are frauds pure and simple, we wish to make a straight-forward, honest statement to the colored race through this great paper. In the year 1871 our late secretary, Mrs. S. M. Moore, through a fortunate circumstance, acquired the receipt for OZONO. It was not offered for sale or purchase to any extent until 1875, when it was put upon the market and met with marked success. After a thorough test by the colored people of that time it was pronounced an honest, legitimate remedy, true to all that was claimed for it, and worthy in every respect of the confidence of every member of the colored race, because they found it to cause the hair to grow long and straight, soft and fine, and as beautiful as an April morning. Now, whenever a genuine article appears upon the market there are always a number of people who imitate and make capital out of the merits of other people's goods. Seeing our marked success, numerous firms have entered the market, offering hair-growers and hair-straighteners, many of which are worthless, causing the hair to fall out and doing great damage to the hair and scalp, and the colored people are buying these spurious compounds, which are filled with animal fats, and do the hair more harm than good. To these let us sound a warning—be careful what you use on your hair. Do not be deceived by flaring advertisements and big words. Buy the King of all Hair Tonics,

OZONO,

which is sold with an iron-clad guarantee to do all that is claimed for it, or we will forfeit $50.00. Now, we ask you a plain question—would we absolutely agree to forfeit $50.00 if you are dissatisfied with our preparations, if they were not true to all we claim for them? We have advertised for several years under this guarantee, and we are glad to say that every one who has used Ozono has been satisfied in every respect.

20,000 people are to-day using our preparations, and every purchaser recommends Ozono as the King of all Hair Tonics. Ozono will positively take the Kinks out of Knotty, Kinky, Harsh, Curly, Refractory, Troublesome Hair. It will make short, harsh hair long and straight. It will cure your head of all itching, worrying scalp diseases. Itch, Eczema, Dandruff, and Scurf can not live after Ozono has been applied. It will stop your hair from falling out. It will restore gray hair to its natural color, making the hair long and soft.

Now, right here, let us make a statement. Many firms are advertising remedies to straighten hair, but when they send the preparation they tell you to use hot irons. Friends, do not use hot irons; they will burn up the life of the hair, and cause it to drop out. Ozono straightens without any outside assistance. Nothing but Ozono is necessary, and the hair stays straight forever. You can stop the use at any time. The good effects on the hair are seen in a day or two after the first application.

The price of Ozono is 50c. a bottle—4 boxes do the work. We make this liberal offer, which is good at any time: Cut out this coupon and send to us, enclosing with it the sum of One Dollar, and we will forward to you four large boxes of Ozono and one large bottle of Electrical Skin Refiner, which makes black skin bright, rough skin soft and pliant, and cures all skin diseases. Also removes all facial imperfections, and actually removes small-pox pits. We will also include one fancy jar of our Electrical Skin Food—Nature's great beautifier—removes wrinkles, moth patches, freckles, and all facial blemishes; makes the old look young and the young look younger.

We will also include one package of our celebrated Scalp Soap, which is absolutely CHEMICALLY PURE, and no soap but a pure soap should ever be used on the scalp. And, lastly, to prove our liberality, we will put in a pint package of Anti-Odor, a positive cure for Sore Throat or Mouth, all forms of Womb Diseases, Chilblains, Sore and Frosted Feet; also removes all smells and odors arising from the human body, such as feet, arm pits, etc.

The actual value of this Grand Aggregation is $4.00, but we let you have it for $1.00, simply to introduce honest goods. In order to protect the public in general from imitations of our goods, and to avoid mistakes, we have placed upon our coupon our Trade-Mark, one head showing Short Hair and the other head Long Hair. The U. S. Government has granted us this trade-mark, and it is registered in the Patent Office at Washington; so if the coupon has this trade-mark on it, you will make no mistake. Use only the coupon having the two heads on it. As to our responsibility, we refer you to the Editor of this paper or to the Metropolitan Bank of Richmond, Va. We have thousands of testimonials we have not space to publish. Here is a sample of one:

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Noted Clarksville Girl

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.—Mlle. Kate L. Ramey, the distinguished and refined young lady of this city, has had a royal honor bestowed upon her by the reputed publishers in the east. They are desirous of securing her photograph and biography, and have requested their representative to secure them. Her clever manipulation of the piano coupled with the fact of her recent prominence, has caused her to become the most talked of young woman in America. Miss Ramey is now a sophomore at Fisk university, where she is acquiring new laurels which adds to her distinction. The Freeman extends its hearty congratulations. Rev. C. R. Johnson, who was recently reported dead, is speedily recovering. Misses Rosa Keesee and Jessie Dixon are numbered among the grip victims. Mrs. Millie Martin, mother of Harry Martin, died Feb. 8, after a short illness. Ottawa Rogers and Miss Henrietta Hester were recently wedded after a romantic courtship. The groom is 72 and the bride is about two years his senior. Miss Aiken, of Nashville, Tenn., gave a creditable musical entertainment at St. Peter A. M. E. church Feb. 7. Jim Poindexter and Miss Belle Metcalf were married Feb 8. Henry Bailey has accepted a position with the Central drug company here.

The Doings of St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., Special.—There will be a masquerade social given at the St. James A. M. E. church next week. Quite a number of St. Paul people attended the mock trial St. Peter's A. M. E. church, Minneapolis, February 8, given under the auspices of the crysanthemum club of that city. License has been issued for the marriage of M. B. Branch and Emma Reed. Harry Bryant, a young colored boy has fallen into disgrace by forging rent receipts to the amount of $25. James Bannister, father-in-law of J. Q. Adams, editor of The Appeal, was buried from St. James A. M. E. church February 5. The young people of Pilgrim Baptist church have organized a literary society with Miss Fannie Dodd as president. Its first entertainment will be given February 22. Miss Sadie Nickens is in attendence at Hess Business College. Walter Turner is negotiating for a divorce from his wife, Bessie Turner. Prof. Lucas is still in the hospital. William Coleman has been arrested for larceny. Rev. Cohren has returned to his home in St. Joseph, Mo. Miss Bertie Dodd deserves some comment for taking so much interest in the elderly people of this community. Miss Annie Shepard has been on the sick list. About fifteen of the new converts were baptized Sunday night, February 3 at Pilgrim Baptist church. Mrs. L. Roach has been readmitted to the hospital at St. Peter, Minn.

Joliet Jottings.

Joliet, Ill., special: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cannon were blessed with a fine eight-pound girl on the 5th inst. Mother and baby are doing nicely. * * Scarlet fever visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carson and relieved them of their two litle girls in succession, on the 6th and 9th inst. Friends extend to them their heartfelt sympathy. * * Mr. David Foster has returned after two months' visit to his old homestead in Tennessee. * * Mr. A. Benson was called to the bedside of his dying father at St. Joe, Mich., on the 9th inst. Mr. Benson is the organist of Brown's Chapel A. M. E. Church. * * Rev. J. Will King has returned after spending three weks in Chicago, assisting Dr. A. L. Murray in a revival at Bethel A. M. E. Church, which was a success. Rev. King is a power in a revival. * * Mrs. Summerville is sick yet, but is some better. * * Mr. J. Pearl Davis has left for Chicago to take a position. * * The Baptist Church has a new choir organized and is furnishing some good music. * * Mr. Graves met with a serious accident at the mill while at work. * * The choir at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. Church, is becoming one of the finest singing choirs in the State. Mrs. H. L. Bradshaw and Mrs. T. D. McDonald, nightingale singer, are numbered among the singers. * * Don't forget to read The Freeman. It can be had at 709 N. Ottawa street or from the agent. Only 5 cents a copy. For thirty days you can subscribe for the paper at the $1.00 a year rate. Would like for every colored man or woman in this city to take this paper. I will assure you that you will like it after you read a copy.

MUNCIE JOTTINGS.

Muncie, Ind., special: Mrs. Ed McCray died Sunday morning of paralysis. She had been ill for some time. * * Mr. John Robbins is out after a few days' illness with la grippe. * * Miss Fannie White is numbered on the sick list. * * Mr. John Curtis is taking a commercial course at the Muncie Business College. * * Mrs. Letty Evans is ill at her home on S. Hackley street. Her daughter, Mrs. Williams, of Toledo, is at her bedside. * * Mr. Arthur Shoecraft has accepted the position of delivery clerk at Jones & Adams' grocery on South Plum street. * * The protracted meetings are still in progress at both the A. M. E. and Second Baptist Churches, with reasonable success. * * Mr. Evans, of Noblesville, is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Evans, of South Beacon street. * * Mr. James Lucas is ill with la grippe. * * The polo team will play at West Side pavilion Wednesday of each week. * * The Eagle band is engaged to furnish music. * * Omer Knox is among the list of sick. * * Miss Mae Stokes is ill with la grippe.

Death of a Good Man.

Baton Rouge, La., Special.—The death of Brother Joseph Israel! He was a faithful member of the Bethel A. M. E. church. For 40 years he served as local deacon, for many years he was a native of the state of Louisiana and a member of the Louisiana confer ence. He was a member of the Stone Square Masonic Lodge No. 8. He was 65 years old; died a Christian and many mourn their loss, besides a loving wife, daughter, son, mother, sister and brother. Services were conducted at Bethel A. M. E. church by the pastor. The Square Lodge No. 8 and Odd Fellows attended.

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..CITY NOTES..

Mrs. Bell Roney of Fayette is quite ill.

Mr. Gilbert of Claremount, is quite ill.

Mme McNairdee has been ill this week.

Mrs. Mary Redd is here the guest of friends.

Dr. R. C. Atkins of Anderson, was in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Maria Blake of Sidney, Ill., visited friends here.

Mrs. Ida Bryant entertained Miss Lizzie Pierce of Marion.

Messrs. Fred Hoard and Edgar Williams were in the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Clay entertained the Topaz Cluster Club yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. C. A. Webb has for her guest Mrs. Mary Miller of Greensburg, Ky.

After a pleasant sojourn of two months with friends in Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. E. C. Knox is at home.

G. W. Lawrence, Jr., with a party of friends from Anderson, Ind., was "doing" the city last week.

Mrs. Katherine Crossen-Harper, the renowned singer, at Simpson Chapel, Wednesday evening, the 27th.

All audiences are charmed when Prof. W. H. Hunt sings. Don't miss it. Wednesday evening, the 27th.

Mrs. M. S. Johnson attracts, delights, entrances. Hear her at Simpson Chapel Wednesday evening, the 27th.

A revival is being conducted at Mt. Carmel Baptist church. The ladies are managing the same. Rev. John Broyles is pastor.

Rev. P. A. Luckie of British Guiana, lectured at Allen Chapel, Tuesday evening. Subject, "South America and its People."

Mrs. Thomas Demby entertained Revs. D. W. Seals of Georgetown, Ky., and J. M. Morton and friends, Tuesday at 6 o'clock dinner at her residence, 807 Tarbert street.

A George Washington reception was given at Simpson Chapel yesterday. An interesting program was rendered, and those present report a pleasing entertainment.

Mrs. Grace Cambron died Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Alice Helms, 769 Center street. Her funeral took place Sunday from St. Bridget's church, West and St. Clair streets.

The marriage of Wm. Riley and Miss Maggie Lindsay took place Sunday evening at Walters Chapel in the presence of a large company of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Riley will live at 781 Center street.

Miss Pearl E. Hickland, the well-known singer, will support Mme E. Azalia Hackley at Simpson Chapel, Wednesday evening, the 27th. This will be a trsat you should not miss.

Miss Ada Jennette Parker, formerly of New Albany, Ind., and J. Wesley Jones, of Cincinnati, Ohio, were united in marriage Thursday, Feb. 14, at the home of the bride, 2007 Alvord street. Rev. R. F. Hurley officiated.

"How to Increase Church Attendance" was the subject of an interesting paper read by Rev. B. J. Ferrell before the Baptist Ministerial Alliance, which met at Zion Baptist Church, Monday morning of this week.

When you want to hear something worth your money hear Mrs. Wm. N. Lonas. Mrs. Lonas is an acknowledged sweet singer, and carries her audiences by storm. At Simpson Chapel, Wednesday evening, the 27th.

Mrs. Laura Clay-Davis is given up to be one of the most natural entertainers now before the public. To hear her alone will be worth the price of admission to Simpson Chapel Wednesday evening, the 27th.

A large audience listened to the paper of Gurley Brewer on "Fast Young Men" before the Young Men's Prayer Band at Allen Chapel last Sunday afternoon. The band will meet Sunday afternoon at Antioch Baptist Church, N. Missouri street.

The large attendance at the Musical at Bethel church, Monday night, of which Mme E. Azalia Hackley, the Denver musical wonder, was the chief attraction, showed that the people know good music. The Mme was in her best voice and charmed her audience. Her next appearance will be at Simpson Chapel Feb. 27.

A NEW STAR

In the Musical Firmament.

Mme E. Azalia Hackley's appearance in the city marks the musical events of the season. Mme Hackley is one of the leading singers of the race, and comes from Denver, Colorado. This famous star will appear at Simpson Chapel church, Wednesday, Feb. 27, under the management of New York State of Simpson Chapel No lesser lights than Mrs. Katherine Crossen-Harper, W. H. Hunt, Mmes M. S. Johnson, Laura Clay-Davis, Wm. H. Lonas, Miss Pearl E. Hickland, and many other well-known artists who are so well known in their respective lines that their names need but to be mentioned.

Return Thanks.

The Bethel East End Sewing Club wishes to return thanks to their friends for helping them in a small rally. Mrs. Mary Wright, $1 00; Mrs. Amanda Johnson, $1 00; Mrs. Mary Davis, $1 00; Mrs. Eliza Filler, $1 00; Mr. Arthur Llewellyn, $1 00; Mrs. Nancy Rarydine, $1 00; Mrs. Lucy Church, 50c; Mrs. Jennie Hill, 50c; Mike Bannia, 50c; Mrs. Amanda Wells, 25c; Mrs. Roxie Dixon, 25c; Mrs. Ellie Lewis, 25. Total amount raised by club, $34 34. Malinda Llewellyn, President.

Ninth Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. H. A. Gibson, of Greensboro, N. C., prospective pastor, will preach to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 2 30 p. m. All the members are urged to come and hear Rev. Gibson. The public is invited. Dr. J. Cumming Smith, pastor of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, and one of the ablest divines in this State, will preach on the first Sunday in March at 3:30 p. m.

Removal.

The well-known firm of Webb, Jamison & Co. will shortly move their coal yard to the square bounded by Chestnut street and the J. M. & I. Railroad, where they will have a storage plant in connection with their present business. There new location will have a frontage of 550 feet, occupying a whole square.

AN ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE FREE.

In another column of this paper will be found an advertisement of Mr. W. A. Johnson, advertising manager of the Colored American Magazine. Mr. Johnson is offering to send a sample copy of this magazine to all our readers who have not seen it.

We would advise those of our readers who have not seen this worthy publication to send for a copy at once.

Items from Rockford, Illinois.

Rockford, Ill., Special.—Rev. S. B. Moore has closed the revival services at the A. M. E. Church. The Sunday school is going to give an entertainment for the benefit of the church. The committee is composed of Mrs. Mary E Donnely, chairman, Mrs. and Miss McCard and Mrs. S. Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Donnely were surprised, last Monday evening, by a sleighing party composed of the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Lottie Williams, Grace Settles, Miss L. McCard, Miss A. Ethredge and Miss Helen Tucker, Messrs. J. Scott, J. Boyde, E. B. Smith and W. Ethredge. The evening was spent in playing whist. Refreshments were served later. They all left saying they never had a better time.

Bloomington Chronicles

Bloomington, Ill., Special.—A grand charity ball was given by the citizens of Bloomington Jan. 31. Mr. Lashley is wintering here. The literary society last Thursday evening was very much enjoyed by all present; J. H. Mosley, president; Miss G. Witherspoon, secretary. This society is pushing to the front. A drama by colored people will be rendered here soon. Robert Watson is reported to take a position at the Lealand hotel as cook at Springfield, Ill. Jesse Hawkins and Albert Connors were up from Springfield, Ill., recently; Mr. Hawkins is underlined for a six years' job at Washington. The Freeman is on sale every Saturday at Mat. Stearl's barber shop, North Center street.

Enterprising Man.

Cleveland, Ohio, Special.—James F. Beason, one of our well-known citizens, is conducting a barber shop and rooming house at 17 Oregon street, which is located in the center of the city. Mr. Beason is an admirer of The Freeman and keeps it on sale there. He says "The Freeman is the greatest Negro journal published." Patronize him. The Freeman can also be found on sale at 34 Hackman street.

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A Business Man's Generosity to His Fellow Men.

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Truly generous and grateful men are scarce in this world of grasping. A prominent music dealer of Marshall, Mich., is an exception to this rule. For ten years he suffered all the agonies of the damned—the result of youthful indiscretion. He had spells of dispondency, dull, stupid feelings, brain wanderings, lack of esteem and no confidence in himself or fellow men.

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Like a drowning man catching at a straw, he accepted the offered kindness and followed instructions as directed. In a short time he began to improve; he felt young again; the glow of vitality returned; he felt the magnetic enthusiasm of youthful energy and reanimated life. Instead of life being like a dark cloud and the feeling that every man's hand was turned against him, he was light hearted and happy as with a new lease of life.

Mr. Wright is so much elated over his discovery that he has made for lost manhood, which did not cost him anything, that he is sending free to every suffering man who is enduring the tortures that he endured the medical prescription which cured him. Mr. Wright has nothing to sell. He does this to help his fellow men. Every young or old man who is a reader of The Freeman who will address Geo. B. Wright, music dealer, Marshall, Mich., box 908, will receive the prescription in a plain, sealed envelope free of all cost.

NEW IBERIA CLARION

A Boycott is On--Other Interesting Happenings

New Iberia, La., Special.—The prevailing bad weather had impeded the progress of industry and business of all kinds in this section of the country, and as a consequence everybody seems to have the blues. The concert to be given by the genial and faithful Miss R. Hayes, for the benefit of the public school has been postponed on account of the inclement weather. Mrs. Turner's concert was quite an elaborate affair but terminated poor financially. The W. C. T. U., after being asleep for several months has been revived; Rev. Turner presented at their last meeting an excellent and practical solution for assisting in the extermination of the liquor traffic if it is only put into practice. It marks an epoch of social improvement among our people when they boycott against opera houses that does not provide adequate accomodations for them. Such accomodations as we are allotted are a few rude benches far up stairs, a few feet only from the ceiling, and when the plays are over are locked up there until the other race is on the streets and near home; notwithstanding such humiliating accomodations a few of our people will continue to frequent such places. Our people, especially ladies, would also be prudent in discriminating against stores which are not supplied with courteous clerks. St. James M. E. church will soon build side walks on lower end of St. Peter street leading to their church. The Freeman has a good number of readers in this place; its representative here, Prof. Jordon, done some tall hustling throughout this section. We want 200 permanent readers here for The Freeman, so take advantage of the extraordinary reduced rates of $1.00 per year before the 1st of March; the agent will call at your residence as soon as the weather is favorable. Several of our people will leave this week for New Orleans to witness the carnival. Mt. Calvary Baptist church this week lost one of its good old faithful members, Brother Rowles, who has been its efficient clerk for a number of years. Any one wishing The Freeman will do well to see its agent, P. L. Blackman, before the 30 days of reduction expires.

News Items.

Grand Cane, La., Special—Mrs. S. J. Chalmer has been on the sick list. Mrs. Mollie Dixon of Stoval, Miss., who is a sister of Mrs. Chalmer, was with the latter during her illness. Miss Lulu Tyler has returned from Texas and is teaching at Old Zion.

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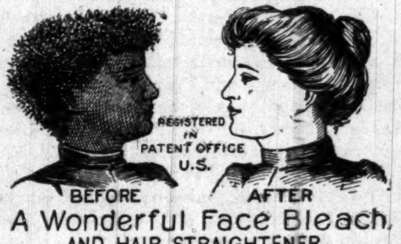
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